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**EXCLUSIVE REPORT** from Seville — by former West German World Cup star, **HANSI MULLER** / ESM.

# Maradona: I could not stay away!

**I HAVE just spent two days inside the Maradona Clan. This is the group of friends and family who surround the man variously described as the greatest footballer on earth and the most disgraced footballer on earth.**

What I found was nothing like the ogre he has been painted, nothing like the outlandish personality of which so many newspapers have written.

Instead I found, simply, Diego Armando Maradona to be a normal human being.

The most important factor in Diego's life is his family, in particular his young daughters Dalma and Giannina.

Obviously other people share his life, such as Marcos Franchi, his manager, and Daniel Bolotnicoff, his assistant.

Both are bright young men who are trying to sort out his tangled business affairs as best they can and leave the man himself free to concentrate on what he does best — playing football.

For Maradona, this return to football is for himself and his family.

He has a typical South American devotion to his relatives and to those friends whom he considers members of his "extended family."

One such is Salvatore Bagni, the former Italian World Cup midfielder. He travelled to Seville to see Diego at Maradona's own invitation. Maradona and Bagni had been great friends at Napoli and had kept in touch through all the traumas which have followed Maradona over the past two years.

Maradona spent the first three weeks after arriving in Seville from Buenos Aires in a hotel. Nothing wrong with that. It's very pleasant to have everything laid on for you. But for a footballer the enjoyment is strictly limited. A footballer needs to have the calm and solitude of his own home to which he can retreat. Thus, three weeks in a hotel was quite long enough for Maradona, after which he — with guidance from Sevilla — found a luxury villa just outside the city.

At least Maradona's stay in the Andalusi Park gave me time to discuss the key themes in his revived career.

We started close to his new, Sevilla, home with club coach Carlos Salvador Bilardo. Of course Bilardo was Argentina's manager at the peak of Maradona's career, the triumphant 1986 World Cup finals.

Maradona says: "I wouldn't have come to Sevilla if it had not been for Bilardo. But we have had a very good working relationship over the years and we are both very ambitious to be good ambassadors for our country in the wider world."

Suggestions had been flying around that several German clubs were interested in Maradona once he had cleared his 15-month ban imposed by the Italian federation — and then extended worldwide by FIFA — after failing a dope test in Italy at the start of last year. But Maradona denies any contact with German clubs.

He says: "I never had any inquiries, much less serious offers, from Germany.

"I would not have objected to playing in the Bundesliga.

"Challenge is part of my professional life. I know that many people in Germany are suspicious of South Americans. They think we would have trouble adapting to the life and the mentality and that we would find the language a problem. But if events had taken a different turn, I would happily have gone there.

"If the best offer had come from Africa, then I'd have packed my bags and gone there."

Maradona's thoughts never appeared to stray far from his wife and daughters.

He says: "In the last two years without football my wife and I have grown much closer, learned to appreciate each other much more. Perhaps in the past our life was too hectic. I've learned that Claudia is not only a wife and mother but my best friend. You know, a man needs such support and security in his personal life to be able to give him best in his professional life."

*Maradona is greeted by fans as he arrives at Sevilla's ground.*

Over the years one of the most frequently criticised aspects of Maradona's career was his attitude to training. It was said that, in his last year at Napoli, he chose to train only when he wanted and that much of his time was spent receiving treatment for his numerous injuries.

Maradona says he has never trained harder than in the last few months.

He told me: "To get fit I have trained on my own. My motivation was knowing that if I wished to pick up my career any club would want to see that I was fit and physically committed. That drove me on, even in the worst and lonliest moments."

Maradona believes Lothar Matthaus is the world's No 1 player.

He says: "Matthaus is the most complete footballer in the game. I'm sure, now he's recovering from his knee injury, he will soon be back at his best.

"He's strong, determined and very skilful. His mental attitude is 101 per cent. The only players up there with him are Marco Van Basten, Careca and Ruud Gullit.

"But, to a greater or lesser extent, they all suffer from the same problems I found. The sort of astronomical sums being paid for players and to players means the most enormous pressure from the media and from the supporters.

"That's why I'm all in favour of professional referees. It's important for footballers to know that the referees are professionals in just the same way. How can a referee prepare himself properly for a game when his first priority is earning his living in a day-to-day job?

"Make referees fully professional, pay them the rate for the job, make sure they reach the necessary fitness standards and I'm sure you will be amazed at the difference it makes."

Maradona is not setting sky-is-the-limit standards at Sevilla. At least, not yet. He says: "The people here expect, at the least, for us to quality for next season's UEFA Cup. In two years' time, then we can go for the championship.

**'Playing football now is like learning to walk all over again. There's nothing so marvellous or beautiful for me'**

"But not before! Everything in good time. But the fans here have been very good to me."

Maradona has no regrets about returning to Spain. But Italy is another matter.

He left under a cloud caused not only by his dope test failure but after a number of scandals including a paternity suit.

It did not go unnoticed that the prestige friendly between Sevilla and Lazio was switched, at short notice, from Rome to Seville . . . a couple of days after the Italian tax authorities let it be known that Maradona's business agency, Diarma, owed £1million-plus in back taxes.

Maradona says: "I can easily understand why even players like Voller, Brehme and Klinsmann felt they had to get away from Calcio. They felt under pressure because of the strange rules they have now concerning foreigners.

"Also, I can't understand what the Milan president, Silvio Berlusconi, is up to. Milan have six foreigners of world class but can play only three at any one time. Berlusconi is not doing football any favours this way. He thinks that signing as many top players as he can will strengthen his team. But what it really does, is weaken the opposition."

For all Maradona's caution on the speed of his return to match fitness, he makes no secret of his World Cup ambitions. He says: "Of course I haven't written off my prospects of making a comeback for my country. I would love to help Argentina qualify for the World Cup finals in the United States. That would be the ideal stage on which to end my career.

"The one selfish ambition I have is to take Claudia on a round-the-world tourist trip. You know I've been round and round the world. But all I've seen have been airports, hotels and stadia. That's no life, really.

"Playing football now is like learning to walk all over again. There's nothing so marvellous or beautiful for me. That's why I had to come back!"

## PRO-FILE

DIEGO **MARADONA**

**SEVILLA AND ARGENTINA**

**Born:** Lanus, October 30, 1960.

**Previous clubs:** Argentinos Juniors, Boca Juniors, Barcelona, Napoli.

**HONOURS**

**World Cup:** 1986.

**World Youth Cup:** 1979.

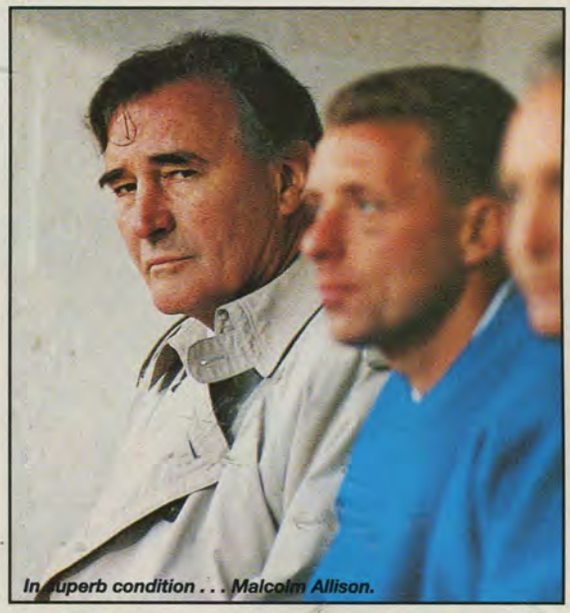
**UEFA Cup:** 1989

**Italian League:** 1987, 1990.

**Italian Cup:** 1987.

THE KEIR RADNEDGE COMMENTARY

# WELCOME BACK, BIG MAL!



*In superb condition . . . Malcolm Allison.*

**PERHAPS memory plays tricks, but it does seem that once upon a time football was all about managers.**

I was drawn back in time on seeing Malcolm Allison revelling in the role of caretaker manager at Bristol Rovers. Was it so long ago that our entertainment was provided off the pitch by Shanks and Cloughie, The Doc and Big Mal?

The players were mere pawns, manipulated by grand masters of soccer hype. That's probably being simplistic. But certainly it was not so long ago that managers really did expound on the game as if they were the real stars.

Today's managers have slumped to the opposite extreme, displaying an aggressive secrecy towards anyone who threatens to puncture their professional mystique.

## Contracts

Bill Shankly ("Football's not a matter of life and death, it's more important than that") is long since dead, Tommy Docherty ("I've had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus") sits the wrong side of the *Radio Piccadilly* microphone, Brian Clough (new contract and all) is lost in a Forest at the foot of the Premier League and Allison has been back at Twerton Park, Bath, where his managerial career began in the Southern League.

He says disarmingly but with that familiar twinkle in his eye: "I've got to keep working — the BCCI crash left me skint. I couldn't do the day-to-day thing any more. But I enjoy this consultancy work, passing on my experience."

Allison's experience provided Bristol Rovers with renewed hope of escaping relegation. His experience deserves a wider audience and the themes he takes up may well ring a bell with long-standing readers of *WORLD SOCCER*.

I listened to Allison after a 2-1 defeat by Derby. He was explaining how he had coaxed Rovers players into using his interpretation of The Whirl.

Now The Whirl (younger readers begin here) was conceived by Willy Meisl, a former Austrian goalkeeper-turned-journalist, in the early 1950s.

Meisl was younger brother of Hugo, the guru of Austrian football in the early years of the century and creator of the legendary Wunderteam.

Willy used his unrivalled insight into the early years of European football to look ahead to a day when superfit, super-intelligent, super-skilled players would inter-change position at will.

He published his theorem in his book *Soccer Revolution*, one of the few classics of the sport.

By general consensus, Holland's total football of the early 1970s is the nearest anyone has gone to perfecting The Whirl. But Allison has his own variation.

He said: "I work it with two players in the middle and everyone moving around them. As one player moves out of position, so another fills in. I tried it with the reserves in midweek and then explained it to the seniors. I thought they took to it very well.

"I tried to pass on a few secrets about shooting as well. If they work on that, in a month or two the players and the fans will see a real difference."

Allison complains that modern players do not know how to address the ball correctly with foot or head, how too much possession is wasted, too many passes miss-hit.

He spoke of how the legendary Hungarians of the 1950s worked at their technique, he spoke with admiration of the dedication of Ferenc Puskas and Eusebio, then complained at the short sightedness of an English game which had never capitalised on the experience gained by major figures such as Stan Cullis and Bill Nicholson.

Allison said: "When I was at Manchester City as a coach I was good. More than that — I was bloody good! I'd go back on the training ground in the afternoon with the players while Joe Mercer went off to play golf.

"But when he'd come back I'd tell him we'd worked on this and that. And he'd say: 'What about so- and-so?' And it would be something I hadn't thought of.

"The same with Bob Paisley at Liverpool. He wasn't the greatest thinker in the game's history. But his experience was enormous. Players couldn't help but learn from him.

"In the same way I learned from Joe Mercer. What I can't understand is why people don't want to learn the game today. They think creative football is kicking the ball 90 yards upfield."

Allison, not celebrated as one of soccer's ascetics, remains at 65 a superb advert for the conditioning techniques he advocates. It's amazing that the English game can find him room only as a First Division house guest.

## THE CLASSICS?

**LISTS are highly popular these days. Everyone seems to be making them.**

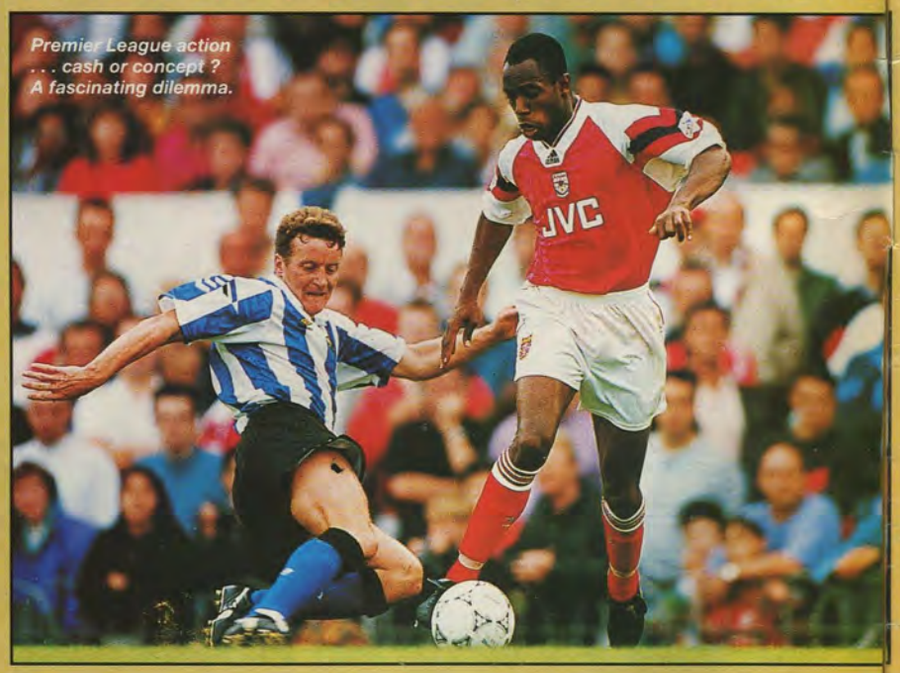
Perhaps it's something to do with the approach of Christmas. So this is a Christmas book list with a difference.

It's NOT a list of current books. You won't find these in your local book shop. You might find them if you scour through the second-hand booksellers.

These are, in my opinion and in no particular order, the soccer classics:

- The Day A Team Died (publ 1960) by Frank Taylor.
- European International Football (publ 1963) by Gordon Jeffery.
- The Football Man (publ 1968) by Arthur Hopcraft.
- The Footballer's Companion (publ 1961) edited by Brian Glanville.
- Only A Game (publ 1976) by Eamon Dunphy.
- Real Madrid Book of Football (publ 1961) edited by Ramon Melcon and Tony Stratton Smith.
- Soccer Revolution (publ 1955) by Willy Meisl.
- The Soccer Syndrome (publ 1965) by John Moynihan.
- Stanley Matthews (publ 1989) by David Miller
- World Cup (publ 1958) by Brian Glanville and Jerry Weinstein.

## MAKING THE TV FIGURE




*Premier League action . . . cash or concept ? A fascinating dilemma.*

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# Sweet sixteen for England '96

By KEIR RADNEDGE

THE FINALS of the 1996 European Championship — for which England are front-runners in the holding — are poised to open up to 16 teams.

## Told you so!

**A YEAR ago we forecast that the European Championship finals would double in size to 16 teams for England '96.**

**All those clever people in high places denied it. And now . . . UEFA are poised to go to 16 teams.**

**Stick with *WORLD SOCCER* — ahead of the European game!**

## WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

**WHEN Glenn Hoddle (left) was managing the Football League team against the Italian Serie B selection, he was asked for his autograph by Bristol City's Andrew Cole.**

**"Who's it for?" asked Hoddle, preparing to dedicate his autograph to a nephew, brother or cousin.**

**Cole replied: "Me!"**

# GURES ADD UP

**SLOWLY, slowly, daylight is pushing its way through the financial haze created earlier this year by the bids and counter-bids of the television companies competing for exclusive rights to show the Premier League.**

BSkyB, remember, concluded a deal worth a projected £304million over five years. The votes from outside the Big Four (Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal and Manchester United) won the day for the satellite station against the £262million, four-year proposal from ITV.

But . . . that £304million included around £50million for a title sponsor plus extra cash from selling edited highlights programmes around the world.

However, no title sponsor has been secured and the income from sales abroad shows no sign of meeting projections.

For one thing, so many European football packages (Germany, Italy, Holland, Spain, Belgium, France, etc) are now on the market that the value of a Premier League programme has been severely devalued.

I understand that ITV executives, adding up the figures, believe their offer (£65.5million a year) has been proved — within their own offices, at least — as more valuable than the Sky deal (at worst worth perhaps £50million a year).

The Sky viewing figures, with "only" 500,000 or 600,000 watching each Sunday, hardly impress would-be sponsors and stadium advertisers.

But, and it's an important but, the screen time granted the Premier League by Sky is vastly superior to anything ITV might manage. Cash or concept? A fascinating dilemma.

# Montreux minefield

**MONTREUX in Switzerland is not noted for football. No European Cup-winners have ever found their home there. Nor any Swiss title-winners for that matter.**

But Montreux may go down in football history for an event which took place there last year: an extraordinary congress of all the European football associations which laid the foundations for a European league.

By amending the statutes of UEFA, European football's majors and minors gave the governing authority full powers to control advertising, sponsorship and — most important of all — television in its international competitions.

The immediate product is the packaging of the third round — or, if you, prefer semi-final stage — of the European Champions' Cup. This is the title proudly born by the two mini-leagues, each of four teams who play home and away through next April to determine the participants in next May's European Cup Final.

Thus UEFA are demonstrably in full control of all the powers needed when, one day, the way is seen clear to launch the European Dream League.

The Champions League exists because the European federation have the right to override all "local" contracts regarding TV, stadia adverts and shirt sponsorship.

Not all the clubs found that easy to accept.

The complex situation in which Marseille found themselves illustrates the huge problems surrounding all those dreams which have issued forth down the years — ever since Real Madrid's historic defeat of Eintracht Frankfurt at Hampden in 1960 whetted the continent's appetite for league competition between the top clubs of the top nations.

*Big business . . . Bernard Tapie and Lennart Johannsson.*

Marseille, for example, are owned by a millionaire businessman named Bernard Tapie. His highest-profile company is the sportswear giant, adidas.

## Competitor

Yet one of the four Champions league sponsors, with exclusive advertising rights at matches, is key competitor Nike. At Marseille's home matches, galling as it may be for Tapie, Nike will be the sportswear name grabbing the TV millions from the advert boards around the pitch.

Another point! Marseille had signed and sealed an exclusive contract for all their European games with the French station *Canal Plus*. But "superior" exclusive rights to Champions League matches in France had been bought from UEFA by domestic rival TFI. Tapie thus had to unravel his deal with *Canal Plus*.

A third point! Marseille's main shirt advertisers are Japanese electronics giant Panasonic. Yet shirt adverts are banned from Champions League matches AND the electronics corporation with exclusive sponsorship rights in the stadia and on television coverage of the Champions League is Philips.

Just as domestic football in England has become the stage on which television companies fight their ratings war, so the putative European league which the Champions League must surely become, is the grand setting on which multi-national companies will battle for access to worldwide markets.

UEFA intend expanding their competitions to meet the needs of the new nations emerging from eastern European fragmentation. The UEFA Cup, says president Lennart Johansson, could grow from 64 to 96 clubs next season.

All this pressure may hasten the European league. But, clearly, there is a legal and administrative minefield to be crossed first.

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All our mainstream features remain, such as our highly-acclaimed International Results Service, Brian Glanville's column and the Mahood cartoon.

One of our other distinguished columnists, former England general Trevor Brooking, will be responding to your views on topics on which you write to us.

Let us know what you think. After all, we want *WORLD SOCCER* to provide the foreign football service you want.

**MARSEILLE very nearly did not make it through to face Rangers — plus CSKA Moscow and Club Brugge — in the lucratively-conceived Champions League.**

# In the money

## Marseille join the marketeer's dream set-up

Their problem was not their form in the Champions' Cup, in which they were runners-up in 1991 and second-round failures last term, but more to do with the commercial parameters of the event.

The Champions League is a marketing man's dream, wrapping up football, TV and stadia advertising in a multi-million-pound package. But its foundation is a change of statutes by UEFA last year which, in effect, gave the European federation rights to override any "local" contracts regarding TV, stadia adverts and shirt sponsorship.

All eight clubs who qualified from the second round of the Champions' Cup had to sign contracts from UEFA guaranteeing compliance with the necessary terms.

Marseille, however, delayed so long that UEFA issued a gentle warning that failure to sign would place them in jeopardy of being kicked out. Not until one week before their visit to Ibrox did the club resolve matters with their own stadium sponsors and television partners.

All this was going on while the club were beset by other problems. Coach Jean Fernandez and his senior players had significantly failed to forge a happy working partnership, while Spaniard Rafael Martin Vazquez and Cameroon's Francois Omam Biyik had been hastily sold off muttering darkly about "financial misunderstandings."

No misunderstandings in the office of president Bernard Tapie. With Marseille slipping behind the pace in France, he acted swiftly to send Fernandez on a month's holiday and reinstate Belgian Raymond Goethals as first-team coach.

*Treble . . . PSV's Romario completes his hat-trick against AEK.*

Goethals, in his early 70s, is no stranger to crisis management. Two years ago he took the reins back from Franz Beckenbauer and last season he stepped into the ring after Tomislav Ivic went back to Croatia to rescue his family.

Ironically it was another Croat, winger Alen Boksic, whose two goals won the second leg and lifted Marseille into the last eight.

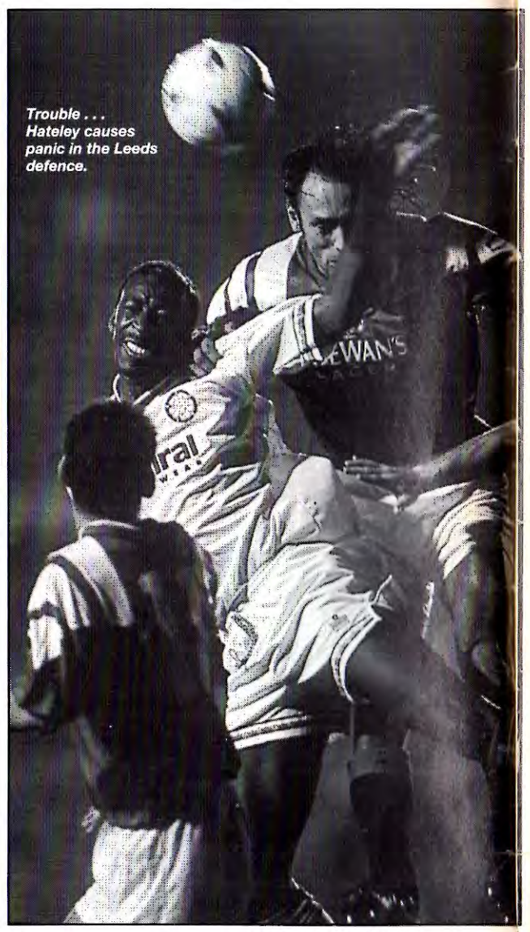
This was their 12th successive home win in this event.

The shock of Europe's second round was produced by inexperienced CSKA Moscow in knocking out the pride of Catalonia. European champions Barcelona — and recovering from 2-0 in Nou Camp to do so.

CSKA were so short of hard currency they could not afford a direct flight to Barcelona. But they displayed remarkable spirit after Miguel Nadal and Aitor Beguiristain had provided Barcelona with a two-goal lead.

The Russian army team then turned both match and tie around with three goals in a 16-minute spell each side of the interval, from Yevgeni Buchmanov, Denis Masharin and Dimitri Korsakov.

CSKA had lost seven players to the professional lure of western Europe since winning the last Soviet championship a year ago. But the strength of depth of the Russian game was amply demonstrated not only by CSKA but by the displays of new Russian champions Moscow Spartak in the Cup-winners' Cup and Moscow Dynamo in the UEFA Cup, beating Liverpool and Torino respectively.



*Trouble . . . Hateley causes panic in the Leeds defence.*

English football also suffered blows to both pride and finance when Rangers brought a narrow lead to Elland Road and not only protected but increased it.

The absence of support — as a safety precaution — did not affect Rangers. They owed a major debt to their England international centre-forward, Mark Hateley. He struck a spectacular opening goal in the second minute, then delivered a perfect far-post cross for Ally McCoist to head the second.

Leeds badly missed midfield terrier David Batty, injured in a Premier League match the previous weekend.

All their huffing and puffing could produce was a late goal from Eric Cantona. Otherwise Andy Goram did much to dispel the jibes directed from south of the border at Scottish goalkeepers.

Former European rulers PSV Eindhoven had Romario to thank for their despatch of Greek champions AEK Athens. The unpredictable Brazilian, who was suspended earlier in the season after falling out with coach Hans Westerhof, collected a cheeky hat-trick to help the Dutch overturn the 1-0 first leg defeat.

Remarkably, Romario had been left out of the PSV starting line-up for the first leg.

In the Champions League, the Dutch club will be styling themselves Philips SV, following their rearrangement of the club's title.

But such overt commercialism is not allowed in Holland, where they will still be PSV.

Sweden's IFK Gothenburg won remarkably, by 3-0, away to Lech Poznan in Poland to underline their impressive European pedigree.

The "Angels" of the Ullevi, lining up four of Sweden's European Championship semi-finalists, have won the UEFA Cup twice and reached the semi-finals and quarter-finals of the Champions' Cup in the past decade.

Milan's 4-0 demolition of Slovan Bratislava was no surprise. Coach Fabio Capello provided a rare opportunity for Croat Zvonimir Boban and he responded in spectacular style by thrashing a free-kick home for the first goal.

FC Porto and Club Brugge make up the last eight of the Champions League.

In the Cup-winners' Cup, holders Werder Bremen lost 1-0 to last year's European Cup semi-finalists, Sparta Prague, to bow out 4-2 on aggregate.

Monaco, beaten by the Germans in last season's final, also fell. They held Olympiakos goalless in Greece but were let down by their 1-0 home defeat two weeks before.

Liverpool, European champions four times, crashed 2-0 at home to Moscow Spartak to complete a bleak night for England.

RINO **LANDA**

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**CHAMPIONS' CUP**
**Second round, first legs**
**(October 22 unless stated)**

**AEK Athens 1** (Dimitriadis 53)
**PSV Eindhoven 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 27,000.

**Club Brugge 2** (Verheyen 35, Booy 41)
**FK Austria 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 16,000.

**CSKA Moscow 1** (Grishin 18)
**Barcelona 1** (Beguiristain 60)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 32,500.

**Dinamo Bucharest 0**
**Marseille 0**
**Att:** 28,000.

**IFK Gothenburg 1** (Bengtsson 85)
**Lech Poznan 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 8,800.

**Rangers 2** (Lukic og 21, McCoist 37)
**Leeds 1** (McAllister 1)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 44,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel)

**Sion 2** (Orlando 55, Assis 61)
**FC Porto 2** (Sernedo 80, Fernando Couto 82)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 14,800.

**Slovan Bratislava 0**
**Milan 1** (Maldini 61)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 35,000.

**CHAMPIONS' CUP**
**Second round, second legs**
**(November 4 unless stated)**

**Barcelona 2** (Nadal 12, Beguiristain 31)
**CSKA Moscow 3** (Buchmanov 44, Mashkarin 56, Korsakov 60)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 63,500.
*CSKA 4-3 on agg*

**FK Austria 3** (Zsak 49, Fridrikas 73, Ivanauskas 90)
**Club Brugge 1** (Van der Heyden 65)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 15,500.
*Brugge on away goals, 3-3 agg*

**Lech Poznan 0**
**IFK Gothenburg 3** (Ekstrom 27, M Nilsson 47, Mild 83)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 28,000.
*IFK 4-0 on agg*

**Leeds 1** (Cantona 85)
**Rangers 2** (Hateley 3, McCoist 59)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 25,118.
*Rangers 4-2 on agg*

**Marseille 2** (Boksic 35, 69)
**Dinamo Bucharest 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 30,000.
*Marseille 2-0 on agg*

**Milan 4** (Boban 28, Rijkaard 29, Simone 49, Papin 71)
**Slovan Bratislava 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 27,500.
*Milan 5-0 on agg*

**FC Porto 4** (Jorge Costa 50, Domingos 55, Kostadinov 63, Jaime Magalhaes 87)
**Sion 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 35,000.
*Porto 6-2 on agg*

**PSV Eindhoven 3** (Romario 5, 50, 84)
**AEK Athens 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 21,750.
*PSV 3-1 on agg*

**GROUP A**
**Rangers**
**Brugge,**
**CSKA Moscow,**
**Marseille.**

**GROUP B**
**Milan,**
**Porto,**
**IFK Gothenburg**
**PSV Eindhoven.**



## CUP-WINNERS' CUP

**SECOND ROUND, FIRST LEGS**
**(October 22 unless stated)**

**Aarhus 3** (Andersen 12, Christensen 19, M Nielsen 89pen)
**Steaua Bucharest 2** (Vladoiu 64, Dumitrescu 89)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 9,000.

**Admira Wacker 2** (Marschall 24, Bacher 41)
**Antwerp 4** (Czerniatynski 35, 73, Segers 53, Severeyns 62)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 4,000.

**Luzern 1** (Rueda 74)
**Feyenoord 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 16,100.

**Monaco 0**
**Olympiakos Piraeus 1** (Vaitsis 86)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 8,000.

**Parma 0**
**Boavista 0**
**Att:** 15,000.

**Moscow Spartak 4** (Pisarev 10, Karpin 68, 82pen, Lediakhov 89)
**Liverpool 2** (Wright 67, McManaman 78)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 55,000. **Ref:** Larsson (Swe).
*Played Oct 22.*

**Trabzonspor 0**
**Atletico Madrid 2** (Futre 38, Moya 60)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 20,000.

**Werder Bremen 2** (Neubarth 56, Rufer 81)
**Sparta Prague 3** (Sopko 25, Dvirnik 36, Vonasek 90)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 10,747. **Ref:** Amendolia (Ita)

**SECOND ROUND, SECOND LEGS**
**(November 4 unless stated)**

**Antwerp 3** (Czerniatynski 21, Severeyns 44, Van Rethy 96)
**Admira Wacker 4** (Bacher 46, Abfalterer 57, Ljung 63, 79)
**HT:** 2-0. **90 min:** 2-4. **Att:** 7,000.
*Antwerp 7-6 on agg, after extra time*

**Atletico Madrid 0**
**Trabzonspor 0**
**Att:** 9,000.
*Atletico 2-0 on agg*

**Boavista 0**
**Parma 2** (Di Chiara 11, Melli 78)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 8,000.
*Parma 2-0 on agg*

**Feyenoord 4** (Taument 2, Blinker 16, Kiprich 46, 83pen)
**Luzern 1** (Nadig 12)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 21,000.
*Feyenoord 4-2 on agg*

**Liverpool 0**
**Moscow Spartak 2** (Radchenko 63, Piatnitski 89)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 37,993.
*Spartak 6-2 on agg*

**Olympiakos Piraeus 0**
**Monaco 0**
**Att:** 35,000.
*Olympiakos 1-0 on agg*

**Sparta Prague 1** (Siegl 7)
**Werder Bremen 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 35,000.
*Sparta 4-2 on agg*

**Steaua Bucharest 2** (Cristescu 81, Vladoiu 89)
**Aarhus 1** (T Christensen 10)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 26,000.
*Steaua on away goals: 4-4 agg*

**The draw for the quarter-finals of the Cup-winners' Cup is:** Sparta Prague v Parma, Olympiakos Piraeus v Atletico Madrid, Steaua v Antwerp or Admira, Feyenoord v Moscow Spartak.

*Triple . . . Dynamo's win over Torino completed a Moscow hat-trick.*

## UEFA CUP

**UEFA CUP**
**Second round, first legs**
**(October 22 unless stated)**

**Anderlecht 4** (Nilis 23, Degryse 38, Versavel 51, Van Vossen 59)
**Kiev Dynamo 2** (Shkapenko 20, Leonenko 53)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 20,500.

**Auxerre 5** (Baticle 14, 40, 80, Martins 55, Otokori 91)
**FC Copenhagen 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 12,000.

**Benfica 5** (Yuran 42, Isaias 55, 86, A Pacheco 58 pen, William 79 pen)
**Vac Izzo 1** (Szedlaczek 82)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 30,000.

**Borussia Dortmund 1** (Chapuisat 70)
**Celtic 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 35,803. **Ref:** Craciunescu (Rom).
*Played Oct 20.*

**Eintracht Frankfurt 0**
**Galatasaray 0**
**Att:** 40,000.

**Fenerbahce 1** (Ismail 37)
**Sigma Olomouc 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 32,195.

**Frem Copenhagen 0**
**Zaragoza 1** (Poyet 12)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 2,852.
*Played Oct 22.*

**Hearts 0**
**Standard Liege 1** (Bettagno 6)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 16,897. **Ref:** Kapl (Aus).

**Kaiserslautern 3** (Funkel 5pen, Marin 55, Witieczek 57)
**Sheffield Wednesday 1** (Hirst 5)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 20,802. **Ref:** 20,802.

**Napoli 0**
**Paris SG 2** (Weah 15, 35)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 19,000.

**Panathinaikos 0**
**Juventus 1** (Platt 68)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 75,000.
*Played Oct 20.*

**Real Madrid 5** (Hierro 8, 28, 32, Zamorano 52, Michel 84 pen)
**Moscow Torpedo 2** (Shustikov 35, Grishin 39)
**HT:** 3-2. **Att:** 43,000.

**Roma 3** (Carnevale 18, Rizzitelli 25, Giannini 61)
**Grasshopper 0.**
*Played Oct 22.*

**Torino 1** (Tinofeyev og 55)
**Moscow Dynamo 2** (Kasumov, Simotenkov 68)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 30,000.
*Played Oct 22.*

**Vitesse Arnhem 1** (Van den Brom)
**Mechelen 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 9,491.

**Vitoria Guimaraes 0**
**Ajax 3** (Edgar Davids 1, Pettersson 38, Bergkamp 48)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 8,000.

**UEFA CUP**
**Second round, second legs**
**(November 4 unless stated)**

**Celtic 1** (Creaney 13)
**Borussia Dortmund 2** (Chapuisat 53, Zorc 58)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 31,578.
*Played Nov 3.*
*Dortmund 3-1 on agg*

**Mechelen 0**
**Vitesse Arnhem 1** (Cocu 73)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 9,000.
*Played Nov 3.*
*Vitesse 2-0 on agg*

**Zaragoza 5** (Mateut 7, 38, 82, Seba 39, 70)
**Frem Copenhagen 1** (Colding 73)
**HT:** 3-0. **Att:** 12,000.
*Played Nov 3.*
*Zaragoza 6-1 on agg*

**Ajax Amsterdam 2** (Bergkamp 25, Alflen 61)
**Vitoria Guimaraes 1** (Mbote 57)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 18,000.
*Ajax 5-1 on agg*

**FC Copenhagen 0**
**Auxerre 2** (Cocard 67, Bonalair 88)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 5,061.
*Auxerre 7-0 on agg*

**Galatasaray 1** (Ugur 5)
**Eintracht Frankfurt 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 32,500.
*Galatasaray 1-0 on agg*

**Grasshopper 4** (De Vicente 36 pen, 68, A Sutter 50, Gamperle 63)
**Roma 3** (Rizzitelli 7, 87, Caniggia 30)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 9,000.
*Roma 6-4 on agg*

**Juventus 0**
**Panathinaikos 0**
**Att:** 17,500.
*Juventus 1-0 on agg*

**Kiev Dynamo 0**
**Anderlecht 3** (Van Vossen 21, Nilis 61, 69)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 40,000.
*Anderlecht 7-2 on agg*

**Moscow Torpedo 3** (Talalayev 11, Tishkov 62, Mudraskov 77)
**Real Madrid 2** (Zamorano 10, Hierro 56)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 6,500
*Madrid 7-5 on agg*

**Paris SG 0**
**Napoli 0**
**Att:** 45,000.
*Paris SG 2-0 on agg*

**Sheffield Wednesday 2** (D Wilson 27, Sheridan 64)
**Kaiserslautern 2** (Witeczek 62, Zeyer 76)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 27,597.
*Kaiserslautern 5-3 on agg*

**Sigma Olomouc 7** (Hanus 9, 90, Kerbr 12, Barborik 34, Marosi 51, Fiala 76, Vadura 80)
**Fenerbahce 1** (Aykut 38)
**HT:** 3-1. **Att:** 10,152.
*Sigma 7-2 on agg*
● Fenerbahce had three players (Kartal, Gerson and Tecimer) sent off by referee Corrado.

**Standard Liege 1** (Wilmots 62)
**Hearts 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 17,000.
*Standard 2-0 on agg*

**Vac Izzo 0**
**Benfica 1** (Schwarz 13)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 3,000.
*Benfica 6-1 on agg*

**Moscow Dynamo 0**
**Torino 0**
**Att:** 4,000. Played Nov 5.
*Dynamo 2-1 on agg*

**The draw for the third round of the UEFA Cup is:** Ajax v Kaiserslautern, Borussia Dortmund v Zaragoza, Paris Saint-Germain v Anderlecht, Standard Liege v Auxerre, Moscow Dynamo v Benfica, Roma v Galatasaray, Vitesse Arnhem v Real Madrid, Sigma Olomouc v Juventus.



**8–11 Italy, spotlight on Shalimov and Fonseca. 12–13 Germany. 14–15 Spain. 16–17 France, 20–31 Rest of Europe, including spotlight On Ravelli, and Mihajlevic.**

# Small, ugly and nasty . . .

**TWO Italian coaches were sent packing for having dared lose a game or two, or six in the case of Napoli's Claudio Ranieri.**

**November in the Italian championship is a bit like jumping Becher's Brook first time round in the Grand National.**

**There are always one or two fallers, at least among the ranks of club managers.**

**First to go this year, and in the same week, were Napoli's Ranieri and Genoa's Bruno Giorgi.**

**Given the difficulties of the Neopolitan "piazza", it came as no surprise to see Ranieri sent on his way.**

**Five league losses (to Internazionale, Juventus, Udinese, Atalanta and Milan) and elimination from the UEFA Cup by Paris Saint Germain, left the club in the relegation zone and left Ranieri without a hope.**

**Ranieri's excellent relations both with his players and the media probably delayed his firing by a week or two but when his side were humiliated in a 5-1 home defeat by champions and league leaders Milan, club President Corrado Ferlaino decided that the end had come.**

**It was not just that Napoli were badly beaten but also that they committed soccer hara-kiri, by offering no less than Dutchman Marco Van Basten a series of easy chances through ridiculously sloppy defensive work.**

**Ranieri's dismissal might have been no surprise, but the choice of his successor, Ottavio Bianchi, certainly puzzled a few critics.**

**Bianchi, of course, coached the Maradona-inspired Napoli to that historic, first championship win in 1987.**

**Bianchi's dictatorial ways with the championship-winning side meant that he fell foul of senior team**

*Out . . . Ranieri.* *Out . . . Giorgi.*

THE LIGHT ON SPOT

## IGOR SHALIMOV

**WORDS attributed to Julius Caesar — veni, vidi, vici — could have been Igor Shalimov's motto for his first season in Italy.**

Shalimov came (from Moscow Spartak to Foggia), saw, and conquered a great many hearts. Now, after his £8 million transfer to Inter Milan, he is trying to maintain the progression that already has established him, at 23, as one of Eastern Europe's finest footballing exports.

# Hail Caesar

## Moscow kid conquers in Italy

*Making progress . . . Shalimov in action for the CIS against Doll of Germany.*

For a young man in a foreign land, Shalimov is remarkably mature. "I knew that in order to do well in Italy, I had to start with a club outside the very top group," he said.

"That's why I chose Foggia." The move paid off, for Shalimov was able to become established away from the over-hyped atmosphere of the great cities.

To help do so, he tried very had to acclimatise himself to a strange land. "A newcomer should learn to understand the country, the life-style and the character," he rightly claims. "It's also important to learn the language.

"I was lucky at Foggia. My team-mates treated me as an equal right away. I understood almost nothing at first, but I mixed with Italians whenever I could. I never declined an invitation to join them. Three or four months later, I was speaking Italian."

Today Shalimov is earning sums that must have been beyond his dreams when he was in Moscow. But he clings to old friendship and says, with the sense of nostalgia so typical of the Soviet character: "Money is not the only thing. I can't stay away from Moscow for long. Whenever I'm invited to play for the national team, I go with the greatest of pleasure.

"Of course I love playing for Inter. I could hardly believe that such a club would want me. I intend to do everything possible to help them to success in Italy and to get back into the European competitions."

Shalimov's success — the fee is the highest ever paid for an East European, and jointly the fourth highest in history — followed some less than spectacular forays into Italy by compatriots.

Alexander Zavarov went to Juventus in the summer of 1988, as "heir" to Michel Platini, but after two moderate seasons he went to Nancy in France.

Sergei Aleinikov had an even shorter time at Juventus before being sold to Lecce. Alexei Mikhailichenko, outstanding at Kiev, did little with Sampdoria and has not been an outstanding success in Glasgow since joining Rangers.

Shalimov did much better. Foggia were alerted to his talents as a midfielder with an eye for shooting chances when he helped the Soviet team beat them 4-0 in February 1991, during a training tour. A few months later Foggia paid £1.4 million for him, and in the ensuing 1991-92 season he missed only one League game, scoring nine times in his 33 appearances and being voted the outstanding central midfielder in Serie A.

The European Championship

# but Bianchi's back

members, in particular Maradona, Andrea Carnevale, Bruno Giordano and Salvatore Bagni, who together organised a players' revolution in which they asked the club to sack Bianchi at the end of the 1987-88 season.

In the end, Ferlaino waited one year before sending Bianchi on his way.

However, three years in soccer is a long time.

Only five players remain from the 1988-89 squad, Maradona has departed and Bianchi has returned, promising: "I haven't changed a bit, I do my job and the others should do theirs. I know, I'm small, ugly and nasty. However, for as long as I keep getting picked to act as a coach, people will have to do as I say."

Perhaps the Napoli captain Ciro Ferrara read that statement.

Bianchi's inaugural, welcome-back news conference was barely finished when Ferrara told reporters that he would be looking for a new club next season.

Ferrara lamented the "unfair" manner in which Ranieri had been disposed of, pointing out that similar treatment had been dished out to previous coach Albertino Bigon, and to players such as Fernando De Napoli and Maradona, at the time of their departure from the club.

With Careca off form, without a satisfactory replacement for the too hastily disgarded French libero, Laurent Blanc, with doubts about the co-existence of Uruguyan Daniel Fonseca with Careca and Gianfranco Zola in attack, but above all with a serious morale problem, Bianchi will have his work cut out to batter Napoli back into shape and back up the league table.

The task is certainly not beyond him.

While Ranieri's dismissal was inevitable, Giorgi resignation seemed exaggerated.

He offered to go after consecutive home league defeats by Cagliari and, most painfully, by Sampdoria in the city's derby.

Those two defeats came after six draws and a win in seven games.

Genoa's seasonal record clearly has not been brilliant but it hardly seemed the stuff of resignation.

Poor relations with the Genoa fans, who interrupted the derby for 20 minutes in a gesture of protest, appear to have heavily influenced Giorgi.

As with Napoli, so with Genoa. The choice of new coach, Gigi Maifredi, came as a surprise.

Two years ago, Maifredi arrived at Juventus, heralded as the coach of the next milennium.

He took over a Juventus who, under the able Dino Zoff had just won the UEFA Cup, the Italian Cup and finished second in the league.

Maifredi, however, proved a disaster at Juventus.

His one season there ended with the club failing to qualify for European competition for the first time in 28 years, with Italian international talents Roberto Baggio and "Toto" Schillaci demoralised and with the German Thomas Hassler considered a reject and sold on to AS Roma.

How such a miserable record entitles Maifredi to the Genoa job remains a mystery.

Genoa President Aldo Spinelli obviously hopes that Maifredi can repeat the success he enjoyed with

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*Euro clash . . . Ginola of PSG (left) and Corradini of Napoli.*

## SERIE A

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milan | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 11 | 15 |
| Torino | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 13 |
| Juventus | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 11 | 12 |
| Internazionale | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 12 | 12 |
| Fiorentina | 9 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 16 | 11 |
| Sampdoria | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 13 | 11 |
| Cagliari | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| Lazio | 9 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 16 | 9 |
| Brescia | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 9 |
| Atalanta | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 9 |
| Parma | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 14 | 8 |
| Genoa | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 17 | 20 | 8 |
| Udinese | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 12 | 15 | 7 |
| Roma | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 6 |
| Napoli | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 19 | 6 |
| Ancona | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 28 | 6 |
| Foggia | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 19 | 5 |
| Pescara | 9 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 3 |

that followed was an anti-climax for Shalimov, who played only part of one match in Sweden, being substituted by his former Spartak colleague, Andrei Ivanov.

Including games for two clubs and the national team, that appearance against Germany was his 77th competitive game in 16 months.

Just before the Swedish trip Shalimov had signed for Inter, bringing Foggia a huge profit on their initial outlay a year earlier. Now, like Caesar, he is doing his best to go on conquering.

Shalimov has come a long way from his humble beginnings in Moscow, where he was born on February 2, 1969. His elder brother, Pavel, had played in Third Division soccer, and fixed the boy a berth in the local junior team with the Lokomotiv club.

But the young Igor was a Spartak fan at heart, even though he scored all the goals in Lokomotiv's 3-0 victory over them in a junior game. Igor Netto, Soviet midfield maestro of the 1950s and then coaching the Spartak youngsters, said at once: "He's talented. Let's have him."

So Shalimov joined Spartak, and became Netto's star pupil. "Igor gave me a love of skilful soccer," he says. "He often went on to the pitch and showed his technique — even when well past 50 he had great talent."

Shalimov made his senior debut at 17, in April 1986, against Dynamo before an 82,000 crowd in Kiev. He went on to play 95 senior games for the club, scoring 20 goals, winning a championship medal in 1989 and proving a fine support player to such as Fedor Cherenkov and Sergei Rodionov.

In the words of Oleg Romantsev, the Spartak coach, Shalimov soon became a key figure.

"He is a kind and honest young man, a source of jokes who creates a happy atmosphere," says Romantsev.

"He's selfless on the field, and although he is no giant he does a great volume of work in every match.

"He has good technique and plenty of confidence, when he was 20 he seemed like an experienced 30-year-old."

Shalimov helped the USSR to win the European Under-21 competition in 1990 and gained his first full cap that year, during the World Cup, against Argentina. His unlucky outing in Sweden last July was his 24th international in only two years.

There should be plenty more, and club honours too. As Shalimov puts it: "I don't intend to ruin my reputation."

VLADIMIR **KALINKOVICH**

*Making things happen . . . Shalimov in action for Internazionale.*

## PRO-FILE

### IGOR **SHALIMOV**

**INTERNAZIONALE AND RUSSIA**

**Born:** February 2, 1969 in Moscow.

**Previous clubs:** Lokomotiv Moscow, Moscow Spartak, Foggia.

**League debut:** April 1986, for Spartak v Kiev Dynamo.

**International debut:** (for Soviet Union) June 13, 1990 v Argentina.

**International caps:** 24 (1 goal).

### HONOURS

**Soviet Championship:** 1989.

**UEFA U-21 Championship:** 1990.

*Correct at 01.08.92*

Bologna, a side he took from the Decond Division to the First. The world remains sceptical.

While Giorgi and Ranieri walked the plank, another illustrious name, Vujadin Boskov of AS Roma, also appeared threatened with a similar fate.

Like Napoli, Roma have lost five league games (to Pescara, Cagliari, Napoli, Brescia and Fiorentina) and currently find themselves in the relegation zone.

Unlike their great Southern rivals, however, they are still in European competition and meet Turkish side Galatasaray in this month's UEFA Cup third round.

That UEFA Cup tie has so far saved Boskov.

Before the year ends, however, he too could be on his way, paying the price for having to handle a Roma side in which the selection of the talented local hero, the ultimately lightweight Giuseppe Giannini, probably is imposed on him.

Boskov, off the record, tells friends that he does not rate Giannini.

The current Roma side would do much better to abandon Giannini and entrust the midfield show to their brilliant Serb, Sinisa Mihajlovic, arguably the most impressive new foreigner of the Italian season so far.

Boskov, too, has run foul of the three foreigners only ruling, opting to leave out German midfielder Thomas Hassler, of all players, for their recent 2-1 loss to Fiorentina.

Again, one wonders just how much the inclusion of Argentine Claudio Caniggia, a £6.5 million mid-summer purchase from Atalanta, in place of Hassler, was Boskov's own idea or a "suggestion" imposed on him from on high.

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What is sure is that the likeable Boskov already has discovered to his cost that there is a world of difference between Rome and Genoa, where he spent six successful seasons with Sampdoria.

Boskov might do well to reflect on the words of newly-appointed Napoli coach Bianchi, his predecessor on the Roma hot seat, who said last month: "Wherever I've coached, I've left behind me good memories, good results and some friends. The only place I'd never go back to is Rome."

Franco Baresi's return to the national team ensured that Scotland stayed goalless in the World Cup qualifier at Ibrox, but the Italians also failed to score and stay second in the group.

Arrigo Sacchi's squad might well have lost but for two bad misses by Gordon Durie, later excused because of double vision after a blow to the head.

PADDY AGNEW

*Scoring . . . Giannini celebrates a goal for Roma against Grasshopper Zurich in the UEFA Cup.*

*On the ball . . . Fonseca takes on the Brescia defence.*

THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT ON DANIEL FONSECA

# Memory man

**DANIEL FONSECA was one of the people least surprised when he scored all Napoli's five goals *away* to Valencia in the opening sorties of this season's UEFA Cup.**

Such a haul is usually the prerogative of the lucky striker who finds a hapless minnow at his mercy; not one of Spain's more sophisticated outfits.

But for Fonseca, the 23-year-old Uruguayan from the international shadows, destroying the Spaniards in front of their own fans held an extra thrill.

Valencia had once turned him down!

At the start of 1990, when Fonseca was still with

Nacional of his native Montevideo and dreaming of escaping to fame and fortune in Europe, an agent sent a videotape of clips from his best matches to a string of clubs in Spain and Italy.

That tape earned Fonseca a trial with Valencia. He trained once with the first team but mainly with the reserves and youths. Valencia liked him, thought he might be worth placing with their nursery club, and duly offered a four-year contract.

Fonseca was pleased with the trial, furious with the contract. He says: "They thought that because I was some unknown from a poor little country in South America they could get away with offering me a pittance. It was an insult.

"I wanted a four-year contract — a worthwhile one — and freedom to go where I wanted at the end of it. They couldn't even get that right. The clause in the contract said I would stay their player even when the four years were up. I didn't think that was even legal any more!

"Anyway, that was the end of Valencia for me. Fortunately a few months later Cagliari showed an interest, so that's where I went. Compared with the directors at Valencia, the Italians were different class."

During the World Cup finals of 1990, in Italy, Fonseca settled a contract with Cagliari, the Sardinian club who depend financially on finding player bargains and then selling at vast profits elsewhere within Calcio.

Fonseca did not set Italian football alight instantly. The pressure was enormous. His father had played left-back for years in Uruguay, with top club Penarol and with Racing of Montevideo. Daniel had played for top clubs Danubio and Nacional. But even that background left him unprepared for the ultra-professional circus.

Looking back, Fonseca says: "I had always played for successful clubs. It was hard, adjusting to a club whose life is all about avoiding relegation. But I learn quickly. I had to. I had no choice."

In his first season with Cagliari Fonseca scored eight goals, then another nine last term. Cagliari survived. And Fonseca prospered.

Napoli, having failed to land Frenchman Jean-Pierre Papin, needed a new foreigner to help pre-season ticket sales. Coach Claudio Ranierei was pleased. He did not want a superstar ego to upset his veteran Brazilian, Careca. But he did want a youngster who could provide the attacking pace Careca was beginning to lose. At £2.7 million Fonseca was a bargain.

## Fonseca won't forget Valencia . . . and they won't forget him

Napoli's fans were not so easily impressed. Their doubts lasted no further than Fonseca's debut, in the second round of the Italian Cup, against Modena.

Then, after he scored one goal, made two others and shot twice against the bar, the Curva B at the Stadio San Paulo chanted his name.

Fonseca loves the trappings of fame at Napoli.

He would have walked there to sign, undeterred by the challenge of filling the import gap left by the tempestuous departure of one Diego Maradona. But, apart from the leap in wages and the sporty BMW which come with the job, he was attracted by the UEFA Cup draw which had matched Napoli with . . . Valencia. He says: "It was almost too good to be true. It was fate.

"My opportunity for revenge. I'm sorry for the Valencia players, they were good to me. But as for the club . . . "

Fonseca ran at Valencia with all the speed and exuberance he shows behind the wheel of his beloved car.

Twice Fonseca has crashed the BMW into the automatic gates of Napoli's training ground, but in Valencia nothing and nobody stood in his way. His five goals made headlines around Europe, and he added another in the second leg.

Problems have piled up at Napoli since then, with a string of poor League results plus UEFA Cup elimination by Paris Saint Germain provoking Ranieri's departure. But without Fonseca matters would have been a whole lot worse.

President Corrado Ferlaino will not say he has a new Maradona, but he does predict: "Fonseca is our Player for the Nineties. In five years every club will envy us. He's young, he's brave and he scores goals."

Napoli also know that Fonseca is unlikely to rush home to Uruguay to play for his national team. He says simply: "I would never play for the manager, Luis Cubilla. He and I do not get on.

"Of course, I would love to play in the World Cup again. But my loyalty is to Napoli. After all, they gave me the contract I wanted — which is more than can be said for other clubs."

KEIR **RADNEDGE**

*On the deck . . . Fonseca takes a tumble.*

# RESULTS

*Jean-Pierre Papin . . . on target for Milan against Lazio.*

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**ATALANTA 0**
**TORINO 0**

**FOGGIA 2** (Petrescu 26, Di Biagio 77)
**GENOA 2** (Panucci 17, Bortolazzi 31)

**JUVENTUS 0**
**BRESCIA 0**

**MILAN 5** (Gullit 13, Papin 14, Van Basten 34 pen, 60 pen, Simone 80)
**LAZIO 3** (Winter 21, Fuser 52, Signori 65)

**PARMA 3** (Melli 48, Pizzi pen 51, Minotti 88)
**ANCONA 0**

**PESCARA 0**
**FIORENTINA 2** (Beltrammi 13, Baiano pen 82)

**ROMA 4** (Benedetti 39, Hassler 46, Giannini 51, Rizzitelli 65)
**INTER 1** (Sammer 43)

**SAMPDORIA 2** (Corini 14, 69 pen)
**CAGLIARI 0**

**UDINESE 2** (Branca 11, Deell'Anno 50)
**NAPOLI 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**ANCONA 3** (Zarate 5, 33, Ruggeri 92)
**FOGGIA 0**

**BRESCIA 0**
**CAGLIARI 2** (Pusceddu 6, Napoli 15)

**FIORENTINA 4** (Baiano 1, 79 pen, Batistuta 58, 83)
**SAMPDORIA 0**

**GENOA 4** (Onorati 4, 77, Ruotolo 9, Fortunato 43)
**PESCARA 3** (Sliskovic 25, Bivi 45, Sliskovic 25)

**INTER 3** (Sosa 38, Sammer 45, Shalimov 78)
**JUVENTUS 1** (Moller 85)

**LAZIO 3** (Signori 1, Winter 53, Fuser 80)
**ATALANTA 0**

**NAPOLI 2** (Fonseca 45, Careca 46)
**ROMA 1** (Benedetti 57)

**PARMA 0**
**MILAN 2** (Papin 62, Eranio 98)

**TORINO 1** (Scifo pen 45)
**UDINESE 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**ATALANTA 3** (Perrone 21, Ganz 52, 75)
**NAPOLI 2** (Fonseca 6, Ferrara 90)

**CAGLIARI 2** (Francescoli 57, Oliveira 91)
**FIORENTINA 1** (Batistuta 57)

**FOGGIA 1** (Biagioni pen 90)
**PARMA 0**

**JUVENTUS 5** (D. Baggio 20, De Marchi 26, Di Canio 41, R. Baggio 68, 85)
**ANCONA 1** (Centofanti 64)

**MILAN 0**
**TORINO 0**

**PESCARA 1** (Massara 56)
**INTER 4** (Shalimov 51, Battistini 75, Desideri 81, Sammer 90)

**ROMA 2** (Benedetti o.g. 10, Carnevale 45, 59)
**BRESCIA 3** (Saurini 13, 32,

**SAMPDORIA 4** (Lanna 38, Jugovic 98, Bertarelli 100)
**GENOA 1** (Fortunato 3, o.g. 38, Padovano 88)

**UDINESE 0**
**LAZIO 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**ANCONA 5** (Agostini 12, 70, 93, Detari 38, Lupo 47)
**BRESCIA 1** (Hagi 40)

**ATALANTA 2** (Rambaudi 1, Porrini 45)
**FOGGIA 1** (Biagioni 15 pen)

**FIORENTINA 2** (Iachini 30, Orlando 33)
**ROMA 1** (Caniggia 71)

**GENOA 2** (Padovano 9, Panucci 20)
**CAGLIARI 3** (Napoli 15, Puscedu 62, Oliveira 79)

**INTER 0**
**SAMPDORIA 0**

**JUVENTUS 5** (R. Baggio 20, 22, 37, 85)
**UDINESE 1** (Pellegrini 24 o.g., Balbo 37)

**LAZIO 1** (Signori 46)
**TORINO 2** (Aguilera 57, Gregucci 87 o.g.)

**NAPOLI 1** (Zola 83)
**MILAN 5** (Van Basten 6, 26, 68, 70, Eranio 60)

**PARMA 1** (Pizzi 63)
**PESCARA 0**

# Karlsruhe cause some surprises

**THE Bundesliga title race seems likely to be the closest and most exciting for years.**

**Whether it will reach such a dramatic climax as last season, when Stuttgart and Dortmund finished level on points, is too early to say.**

**But after 13 matches no team remained unbeaten, and only four points separated the top six.**

**They included unfashionable Karlsruher SC, under respected team manager Winfried Schafer, who have done wonderfully well. They ended the last unblemished record, held by Eintracht Frankfurt, with a 4-1 win.**

**Whether Karlsruhe with their squad of 24 mainly modest players — six are contracted amateurs — can win the championship is of course another matter.**

**KSC's solitary title was in 1909, when they were known as Phoenix Karlsruhe.**

**Schafer, in charge since 1986, has persuaded the management to engage several East Europeans and former East Germans.**

**Defenders Burkhard Reich and Dirk Schuster played six times and four times respectively for the old GDR. Srecko Bogdan made 15 appearances for Yugoslavia, Peter Neustadter starred in Lithuania and Ukraine, Valerij Shmarov played 12 times for the Soviet Union, and Sergei Kiriakov 11 times for the Soviet Union and the CIS.**

**Former German international Wolfgang Rolff (37 caps), who joined last year from Bayer Uerdingen, is particularly valuable. The latest acquisition is midfielder Manfred Bender, who spent some time with Bayern Munich, but he found the competition for places simply too hot.**

**Meanwhile Bayern, who started the season on a high — unbeaten in nine matches — lost for the first time, to Werder Bremen, 3-1 at home.**

**This was all the more surprising because three days earlier Werder were defeated 3-2 at home in a Cup-winners' Cup tie with Sparta Prague, who played the second half with ten men after Jozef Chovanec had been sent off.**

**Bayern's sudden loss of consistency has been put down to the integration of midfielder Lothar Matthaus, who returned from Inter.**

**He has been on the receiving end of much criticism, but has found a powerful ally in Franz Beckenbauer, now Bayern's vice-president.**

**"Matthaus has been unfairly criticised," he said. "Maybe some papers believe that they have to publish such derogatory articles to boost their circulation. Of course Matthaus is not yet the player he was during the 1990 World Cup, but this was only to be expected after his serious injury."**

**Despite the setbacks Bayern have not lost any popularity. With 45,333 spectators on average, they are clear of Schalke (41,333) and Borussia Dortmund (40,269). Dortmund, who have 25,400 season ticket-holders, are considering enlarging their stadium, which holds 52,370.**

**Matches against Hamburg SV, Borussia Monchengladbach and Celtic (UEFA Cup) meant that the ground was sold out three times within a week. Thousands were locked out, but the problem is that the stadium is owned by the council, who claim there is no money to pay for the work.**

**Borussia were delighted with Swiss international Stephane Chapuisat's return to form. He helped them to knock out Celtic by scoring a goal and laying on the other in the 2-1 win in Glasgow.**

**Manager Ottmar Hitzfeld persevered with the same squad as last year and now they are in a challenging position, three points behind the leaders.**

**Germany's other contenders in the UEFA Cup, Kaiserslautern, were badly hit by injuries to several players but overcame Sheffield Wednesday 5-3 on aggregate.**

**Hamburg team manager Egon Coordes was fired and replaced by his assistant, Benno Mohlmann, chief of the Players' Union.**

**Coordes demanded that five players be sacked for conduct "unbecoming professional footballers" — they celebrated a birthday at an all-night disco three days before a match.**

**The directors, mindful of their present plight, rejected his ultimatum, and Coordes lost the players' respect and the support of the fans. There was no option but to release him from his contract.**

**Bottom-of-the-table Bochum parted company with Holger Osieck, once assistant manager to the then national team chief, Franz Beckenbauer.**

**Struggling Borussia Monchengladbach dismissed coach Jurgen Gelsdorf, after only one year in office.**

ARTHUR **ROTMIL**

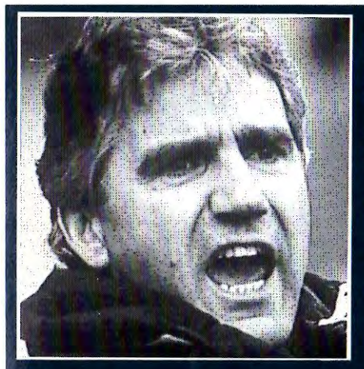
## 'Matthaus has been unfairly criticised'

### BUNDESLIGA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bayern Munich | 13 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 26 | 13 | 20 |
| Ein. Frankfurt | 13 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 26 | 16 | 18 |
| Werder Bremen | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 22 | 16 | 17 |
| Bayer Leverkusen | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 25 | 11 | 16 |
| Bor. Dortmund | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 25 | 18 | 16 |
| Karlsruhe | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 23 | 16 |
| VfB Stuttgart | 13 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 20 | 20 | 14 |
| Kaiserslautern | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 15 | 13 |
| Saarbrucken | 13 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 21 | 22 | 13 |
| Nurnberg | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 13 | 13 |
| Dynamo Dresden | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 12 |
| Schalke | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 21 | 12 |
| Bayer Uerdingen | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 24 | 10 |
| SV Hamburg | 13 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 14 | 18 | 10 |
| Wattenscheid | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 28 | 10 |
| Koln | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 23 | 9 |
| Borussia Mg. | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 18 | 28 | 9 |
| VfL Bochum | 13 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 23 | 6 |

*Lothar Matthaus (left) has been criticised by the German media, but has a powerful ally in Franz Beckenbauer.*

*Werder's Wolter (left) and Sparta's Siegel battle for possession.*



## FANS BACK STRUGGLING BERGER

**IN THE RUTHLESS, hire-and-fire world of soccer, where coaches can quickly lose a job after a run of bad results, it is rare to hear fans cheering one whose side are bottom of the table.**

Yet Koln's Joerg Berger (left) seems to have a magic touch with supporters, which is keeping him in work. Koln are in desperate trouble near the foot of the Bundesliga, but their fans chant Berger's name in admiration.

The job of a Bundesliga coach was never secure. Eleven First Division coaches were sacked last season. But Leipzig-born Berger, who defected from East Germany in 1979, has so far managed to survive one of Koln's worst starts thanks to his popularity on the terraces.

Berger's appeal has something to do with his down-to-earth attitude. He has charmed the fans by staying calm in a crisis.

When asked recently whether the situation scared him, Berger recalled one of the hardest days of his life when he took advantage of a trip to Yugoslavia with the East German "B" team to escape to the West.

"Do you know what fear is? I came to Austria from Yugoslavia with a false passport. The Yugoslav border guard took the passport, looked me in the face and went away.

"I knew it was either freedom or a labour camp. I was really scared then. Finally, after a very long five minutes, he came back and wished me a good trip. He recognised me and the false passport, but let me go.

"After an experience like that, the stresses and strains of coaching a soccer team are insignificant. I don't like trainers who moan that the stress is too much and the business too brutal," Berger said.

"Anyone who cannot live with that is in the wrong profession."

*Rolff and Neustadter of Karlsruhe stop Dusseldorf's Buncol.*

## RESULTS

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**STUTTGART 4** (Walter pen 14, Knup 72, Sverrisson 78, 81)
**DYNAMO DRESDEN 0**

**SAARBRUCKEN 1** (Kristl 27)
**BAYERN MUNICH 1** (Kreuzer 51)

**BORUSSIA MG 4** (Pflipsen 29, 83, Dahlin 38, Max 71)
**WATTENSCHEID 1** (Neuhaus 38)

**BORUSSIA DORTMUND 3** (Rummenigge 64, Povlsen 71, Chapuisat 77)
**HAMBURG 1** (Sport 33)

**VFL BOCHUM 0**
**SCHALKE 1** (Christensen 32)

**KARLSRUHER SC 4** (Bender 25 pen, Reich 69, Rolff 74, Shmarov 88)
**BAYER UERDINGEN 0**

**BAYER LEVERKUSEN 1** (Kirsten 9, Radschuweit 75)
**KAISERSLAUTERN 0**

**NURNBERG 1** (Olivares 27)
**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 2** (Bein 22, 29)

**WERDER BREMEN 2** (Beiersdorfer 18, 68)
**KOLN 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 2** (Schmitt 43, Rahn 44)
**BAYER LEVERKUSEN 2** (Kirsten 9, Kree 21)

**KAISERSLAUTERN 2** (Witeczek 5, Funkel 85)
**KARLSRUHER SC 3** (Rolff 5, Schutterle 18, 45)

**BAYER UERDINGEN 2** (Bremser 42, Posch 66)
**VFL BOCHUM 1** (Dressel 6)

**WATTENSCHEID 3** (Neuhaus 19, Lesniak 24, Firik 84)
**SAARBRUCKEN 1** (Stickroth 58)

**BAYERN MUNICH 1** (Thon 84 pen)
**WERDER BREMEN 3** (Rufer 43 pen, 64, Herzog 69)

**KOLN 3** (Ordenewitz 34 pen, 89, Littbarski 44)
**STUTTGART 1** (Sverrisson 62)

**DYNAMO DRESDEN 1** (Schossler pen 81)
**NURNBERG 2** (Olivares 3, Eckstein 63)

**HAMBURG 1** (Baron 56)
**SCHALKE 2** (Freund 46, Anderbrugge 54)

**BORUSSIA DORTMUND 4** (Povlsen 7, 19, Chapuisat 19, Zorc 48)
**BORUSSIA MG 1** (Kastenmaier 22)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**STUTTGART 2** (Walter pen 52, Golke 88)
**BAYERN MUNICH 3** (Labbadia 53, Cerny 61, Ziege 68)

**SAARBRUCKEN 3** (Kristl 8, Burger 40, Kratzer 90)
**BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1** (Chapuisat 40)

**BORUSSIA MG 0**
**HAMBURG 0**

**SCHALKE 1** (Buskens 84)
**BAYER UERDINGEN 1** (Kranz 38)

**VFL BOCHUM 1** (Wegmann 38)
**KAISERSLAUTERN 3** (Lieberknecht 59, Goldbaek 75, Witeczek 77)

**BAYER LEVERKUSEN 0**
**DYNAMO DRESDEN 0**

**NURNBERG 2** (Kopke 45 pen, Olivares 73)
**KOLN 1** (Trulsen 33)

**WERDER BREMEN 3** (Rufer pen 25, 87, Bratseth 35)
**WATTENSCHEID 0**

**KARLSRUHER SC 4** (Kiriakov 29, Kreg 61, Bender 67, pen 90)
**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 1** (Novotny o.g. 10)

**MIDWEEK**

**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 1** (Bommer 45)
**BAYERN MUNICH 1** (Kreuzer 51)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**GERMAN CUP**

**WERDER BREMEN 2 BORUSSIA DORTMUND 0**

**FC HAMBURG 0**
**NURNBERG 0**
*Aet, Nurnberg won 4-2 on pens*

**BAYER LEVERKUSEN 1**
**HERTHA BERLIN 0**

**FORTUNA DUSSELDORF 0**
**KARLSRUHER SC 1**

**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 3**
**VFL OSNABRUCK 1**

**CARL ZEISSS JENA 3**
**MSV DUISBURG 2**

**HERTHA BERLIN AMATEURS 4**
**HANNOVER 96 3**

**ROT WEISS ESSEN 0**
**CHEMNITZER 1**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

WEEKEND

**EINTRACHT FRANKFURT 4** (Bein 11, Yeboah 68, 78, Schmitt 87)
**VFL BOCHUM 1** (Wegmann 29)

**DYNAMO DRESDEN 3** (Mauckschen pen 45, Rath 71, Kmetsch 74)
**KARLSRUHER SC 0**

**KAISERSLAUTERN 3** (Hotic 23, Marin 51, 58)
**SCHALKE 0**

**KOLN 1** (Kree 41)
**BAYER LEVERKUSEN 0**

**BAYERN MUNICH 1** (Helmer 84)
**NURNBERG 0**

**WATTENSCHEID 0, VFB STUTTGART 0**

**BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2** (Zorc 28, 30)
**WERDER BREMEN 2** (Herzog 15, Bode 72)

**BORUSSIA MG 2** (Dahlin 48, Neun 68)
**SAARBRUCKEN 5** (Wynalda 22, 26, Avitchev 61, Schueler 80, Kostner 90)

**HAMBURG 3** (Hartmann 9, Bester 13, Baron 22)
**BAYER UERDINGEN 0**

# Tokyo consolation after Moscow debacle

*Definitely going . . . **Laudrup** of Barcelona and **Minko** of CSKA Moscow in action during the match that put the Spanish club out and deepened the rift at Nou Camp.*

**BARCELONA's shock Champions' Cup defeat by CSKA Moscow put the Catalans among the pigeons and aggravated the hostility between Johan Cruyff and the club president, Josep Lluis Nunez.**

The team, however, responded by taking the Supercopa with a comfortable 5-2 aggregate win over Atletico Madrid, whose coach, Luis Aragones, is fast developing a complex about Cruyff and his team.

Aragones is regarded as the shrewdest manager in Spain, but his eight battles with Cruyff have produced two draws and six defeats.

Barca's authoritative mastery over Atletico combined with their "Oh help, there's a mouse!" approach to CSKA illustrate the contrasts in this Barcelona side.

Just as Marseille threw away a three-goal lead against Sparta Prague at the same stage last season, Barcelona's demise was down to character and attitude rather than ability.

CSKA have the virtues of youth, pace and ambition but, when Barcelona were two up at Nou Camp after 33 minutes, differences in sheer quality had become almost embarrassingly apparent. Then came over-confidence and lapses of concentration.

"Unforgivable," said Cruyff. "You can never, ever, give away a goal in the last minute of the first half."

But Barca did, and Bushmanov's shot in off the bar was to prove decisive.

When Guardiola was forced to withdraw through injury at half-time, Cruyff opted to re-shuffle all departments instead of making a one-for-one substitution, and the sum total was disorder, mass panic and further goals for Mashkarin and Korsakov.

The traumatic experience allowed Cruyff and Nunez to sharpen weapons in their private war, and their continuity is now in the air.

Nunez's role has much more resonance than the chink of glasses in the boardroom, but unfortunately for him, Barcelona hire coaches with lively minds, reluctant to limit their function to the mud-and-thunder department of the club's life.

Especially the forthright

**Unforgivable, said Cruyff. You can never, ever, give away a goal in the last minute of the first half.**

Cruyff, whose pride is hard to swallow. He demands power to buy and sell, negotiate terms, agree bonuses, and even charter aircraft for away trips. He, like other coaches before him, is disgusted that football income is diverted into other sports, such as the FC Barcelona basketball team, who lost £1.85m last season.

He claims that the board refused to let him sign Brian Laudrup and Daniel Fonseca when the asking price was £400,000. Nunez and his board are adamant that administration is down to them.

Nunez said, before last May's Champions' Cup Final, that he would not be standing for re-election. He is now reconsidering, and the will-he, won't-he stories in the Barcelona press were among the reasons used by Cruyff to explain the team's distracted attitude against CSKA.

Afterwards, Cruyff denied rumours that he would resign as soon as Nunez announced his intention to stand for re-election.

Much of the bitterness between the two stems from negotiations opened last summer for the extension of Cruyff's working life at Nou Camp, and which were abruptly put on hold when Cruyff described Nunez's offer as "Laughable — not even my worst enemy would offer me that".

Most of us would like his enemies if the figures leaked by the club are reliable: £1.85 million a season to be shared among Cruyff and his two assistants, Carlos Rexach and Tony Bruins.

The Barcelona media conducted all sorts of opinion polls which revealed overwhelming support for Nunez rather than Cruyff.

Nunez's position, at the time of writing, was unclear. What is clear is that there will not be an avalanche of candidates in the elections, which must be held before the end of April.

Government insistence on compulsory conversion into limited companies affected all but four of Spain's professional clubs — Barcelona, Real Madrid, Bilbao and Osasuna — but the new laws require the presidents of those four clubs to provide guarantees for 15 per cent of their annual turnover.

Nunez managed to sidestep this requirement by demonstrating that the club's patrimony has increased by £17.5m during his 14-year mandate. A new president would have put up £6.3m.

All of this has complicated the arrival of Ajax striker Dennis Bergkamp, whose transfer had been regarded as more or less a formality.

Cruyff, who claims to have first option on him, declared during the bonus row: "If there is no money, great players will not come to this club."

Nunez has retorted by complaining: "All Cruyff seems to be doing is putting Bergkamp's price up, and I'll be interested to know why."

With Michael Laudrup confirming that he will stay at Barcelona until 1994 and Ronald Koeman seemingly "untouchable", the pressure is on Cruyff to sell Richard Witschge.

Fortunately for Barcelona, the players have put their heads together and vowed not to let the "upstairs war" affect performances.

Hristo Stoichkov is being pencilled on to award short-lists for the form which has taken him to the top of the scoring charts.

His temperament, however, is still a major handicap.

He has collected one card for every goal scored.

● **The interview with Bebeto has been held over until next month.**

GRAHAM **TURNER**

## DIVISION ONE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| La Coruna | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 16 |
| Real Madrid | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 20 | 6 | 15 |
| Barcelona | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 22 | 11 | 15 |
| Atletico Madrid | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Sevilla | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 13 |
| Sporting Gijon | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 12 |
| Athletic Bilbao | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 11 |
| Valencia | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 11 |
| Zaragoza | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 11 |
| Celta | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Osasuna | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 9 |
| Espanol | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 17 | 17 | 9 |
| Tenerife | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 15 | 8 |
| Rayo Vallecano | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 8 |
| Oviedo | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 8 |
| Real Sociedad | 10 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 17 | 7 |
| Albacete | 10 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 20 | 6 |

## WORLD CLUB CUP PREVIEW

*Possibly going . . . Nunez and Cruyff could be separating.*

# Now Nunez is set to stay

**POLITICS and sport are likely to be mixed at the World Club Cup Final in Tokyo, with Barcelona president Josep Luis Nunez poised to use this stage to confirm his willingness to stand next year for a new term in office.**

Nunez's change of heart — only last May he signalled prospective retirement — is not unconnected with the fall-out from Barcelona's shock elimination from the Champions' Cup by CSKA Moscow. The resigning champions drew 1-1 away, seized an early 2-0 lead in Nou Camp . . . then went down 3-2 to miss the financial bonanza of the Champions League.

Catalan pride also suffered a mighty blow. Victory over Sao Paulo, champions of South America, is essential if that blow is to be repaired.

Speculation was rife in the 36 hours which followed CSKA's disastrous visit that coach Johan Cruyff, whose contract expires next summer, had either quit or been sacked by Nunez.

But Cruyff was quick to deny any rift. All he would say was: "We played badly and we paid the penalty."

Then, three days later, he was in his usual place as Barcelona won 2-1 at home to Athletic Bilbao in the League.

Nunez has said privately that he will defend Cruyff, even though they have spent much of the past year wrangling over bonuses, player contracts, club administration, the possible signing of Holland's Dennis Bergkamp, and even the club's new white-edged kit.

Nunez's possible change of heart on standing for re-election may be linked with the CSKA defeat and its consequent weakening of Cruyff's position.

Earlier this year Nunez apparently feared that Cruyff might align himself with any declared opposition candidate. In the last few weeks, however, supporters of Nunez have been sounding out influential members. These include officers of Jordi Pujol's Convergencia Democratica (CDC) political party which had always coveted the influence exerted by the club in Catalonia.

Apparently a significant majority signalled broad support for the stability which a continuation of Nunez's presidency would mean.

Cruyff's friends say the prospect of a new term for Nunez will not encourage him to stay beyond the season's end. Already other prospects beckon. Juventus have inquired about Cruyff's plans for next season and he has agreed in principle to manage Holland if the Dutch qualify for the finals of the 1994 World Cup.

Barcelona nevertheless will start as favourites in Tokyo against Sao Paulo as they attempt to land yet another of the major trophies they have never claimed. Sao Paulo may not possess the cosmopolitan variety of Barcelona but, under wily coach Tele Santana, they will be no pushovers.

Skipper Rai in midfield has been in superb form in the past year and Sao Paulo have hung on to several of their want-away players precisely with the World Club Cup in mind.

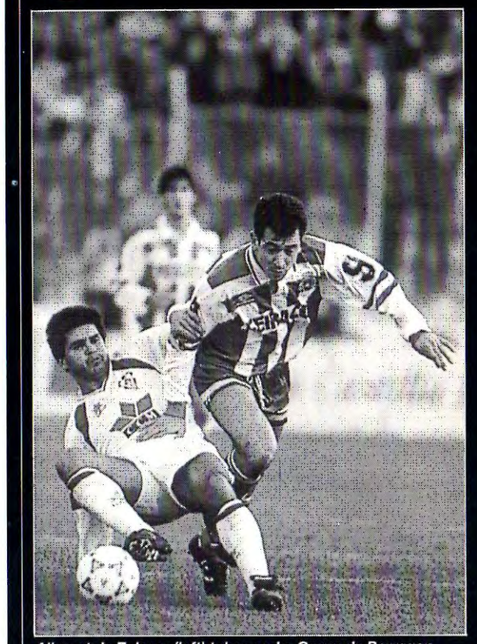
One way or the other, a new name is certain to be inscribed on the Toyota-sponsored Europe-South America Cup.

KEIR **RADNEDGE**

## PAST WINNERS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1960 | Real Madrid |
| 1961 | Penarol |
| 1962 | Santos |
| 1963 | Santos |
| 1964 | Internazionale |
| 1965 | Internazionale |
| 1966 | Penarol |
| 1967 | Racing |
| 1968 | Estudiantes |
| 1969 | Milan |
| 1970 | Feyenoord |
| 1971 | Nacional |
| 1972 | Ajax |
| 1973 | Independiente |
| 1974 | No competition |
| 1975 | Atletico Madrid |
| 1976 | Bayern Munich |
| 1977 | Boca Juniors |
| 1978 | No competition |
| 1979 | Olympia (Par) |
| 1980 | Nacional |
| 1981 | Flamengo |
| 1982 | Penarol |
| 1983 | Gremio |
| 1984 | Independiente |
| 1985 | Juventus |
| 1986 | River Plate |
| 1987 | FC Porto |
| 1988 | Nacional |
| 1989 | Milan |
| 1990 | Milan |
| 1991 | Red Star Belgrade |

# RESULTS



*Albacete's Zalazar (left) takes on La Coruna's Barragan.*

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**OVIEDO 1** (Jankovic 94)
**RAYO VALLECANO 1** (Polster 52).

**CADIZ 1** (Kiko 36)
**CELTA 1** (Salillas 64).

**ESPANOL 1** (Ayucar 67)
**SEVILLA 1** (Monchu 64).

**REAL ZARAGOZA 3** (Gay 16, Poyet 24, Moises 39)
**OSASUNA 2** (Martin Dominquez 43, Aguila 64).

**ATHLETIC BILBAO 2** (Valverde 22, Ciganda 40)
**REAL SOCIEDAD 0**

**LOGRONES 0**
**REAL MADRID 3** (Martin Vazquez 20, Luis Enrique 50, Alfonso 80).

**VALENCIA 2** (Arroyo 26, Penev 85 pen)
**TENERIFE 1** (Pizzi 73 pen).

**LA CORUNA 1** (Bebeto 63)
**BARCELONA 0**

**ALBACETE 4** (Pinilla 12, Antonio 39, Geli 59, Zalazar 74 pen)
**BURGOS 0**

**ATLETICO MADRID 1** (Luis Garcia 44)
**GIJON 1** (Abelardo 75).

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**RAYO VALLECANO 2** (Javi 3, Calderon 45)
**ATLETICO MADRID 0**

**CELTA 0**
**OVIEDO 0**

**SEVILLA 1** (Rafa Paz 41)
**CADIZ 0**

**OSASUNA 1** (Jose Maria 86)
**ESPANOL 3** (Francisco 27, Urbano 46, Ayucar 63).

**REAL SOCIEDAD 1** (Guruzeta 69)
**REAL ZARAGOZA 1** (Aguado 92).

**REAL MADRID 2** (Zamorano 2, Butragueno 53)
**ATHETIC BILBAO 0**

**TENERIFE 1** (Pizzi 56)
**LOGRONES 1** (Linde 85).

**BARCELONA 3** (Stoichkov 35,48, Laudrup 64)
**VALENCIA 0**

**BURGOS 0**
**LA CORUNA 0**

**GIJON 1** (Emilio 77)
**ALBACETE 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**RAYO VALLECANO 0**
**CELTA 1** (Dadie 14 pen).

**OVIEDO 1** (Paco 22)
**SEVILLA 1** (Bango 12).

**CADIZ 0**
**OSASUNA 2** (Merino 31, Aquila 88).

**ESPANOL 4** (Escaich 9, 37, Lluis 10, Urbano 77)
**REAL SOCIEDAD 1** (Kodro 61).

**REAL ZARAGOZA 0**
**REAL MADRID 1** (Zamorano 3).

**ATHLETIC BILBAO 2** (Guerrero 14, 88)
**TENERIFE 2** (Dertycia 47, Redondo 53).

**LOGRONES 1** (Cleber 25)
**BARCELONA 2** (Amor 16, Stoichkov 48).

**VALENCIA 5** (Eloy 4, 22, Leonardo 38, Feernando 41, Penev 42 pen)
**BURGOS 0**

**LA CORUNA 2** (Fran 7, Bebeto 82)
**GIJON 1** (Scotto 88).

**ATHLETICO MADRID 3** (Moya 18, Luis Garcia 42, Futre 77)
**ALBACETE 2** (Soler 72, Chesa 90).

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**CELTA 0**
**ATHETICO MADRID 2** (Alfaro 66, Futre 90).

**SEVILLA 3** (Maradona 20 pen, Monchu 77, Simeone 89)
**VALENCIA 2** (Riesco 10, 50).

**OSASUNA 2** (Spasic 2, Merino 41)
**OVIEDO 1** (Cristobal 35).

**REAL SOCIEDAD 3** (Fuentes 24, Imaz 61, Kodro 89)
**CADIZ 0**

**REAL MADRID 3** (Zamorano 46, 58, Alfonso 88)
**ESPANOL 1** (Korneev 32 pen).

**TENERIFE 2** (Castillo 7, Pier 9)
**REAL ZARAGOZA 2** (Seba 15, Poyet 88).

**BARCELONA 2** (Baker 30, Stoichkov 62)
**ATHLETIC BILBAO 1** (Juan Carlos o.g. 52).

**BURGOS 2** (Aguirre 47, 68)
**LOGRONES 2** (Poyatos 49, 53).

**GIJON 1** (Manjarin 62)
**VALENCIA 0**

**ALBACETE 1** (Geli 51)
**LA CORUNA 1** (Claudio 79).

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MIDWEEK

**SUPER CUP, 2ND LEG**

**ATLETICO MADRID 1** (Manolo 30)
**BARCELONA 2** (Beguiristain 21, Stoichkov 57).
***Barcelona win 3-1 on aggregate.***

# Spirits rise as goals fly in

**ERIC CANTONA'S return brought victory against Austria, guaranteed a revitalised Jean-Pierre Papin, and gave France renewed hope of qualifying for the next World Cup.**

**Marseille, Paris Saint Germain and Auxerre have continued to flourish in Europe. George Weah and PSG have humiliated Napoli at the Fuorigrotta, Nantes have roared on in the League. Things are less dispiriting here than they were a month or so ago.**

**Auxerre, thrashing FC Copenhagen 7-0 on aggregate in the second round of the UEFA Cup, confirmed their prolific form in Europe. Corentin Martins, in this Championship which keeps pleasingly throwing up new stars, is a playmaker from Brest who makes the midfield move.**

**No comparison between Brest and his new club, Corentin says. At Auxerre, play is more direct, and the cheque arrives punctually at the end of the month!**

**Very different, he says, to play in Europe, where the fact that the ties are two-legged means that initially a team must concentrate on not giving goals away. Which doesn't seem to have inhibited Auxerre at home to Copenhagen!**

**Typically, before that game, Martins was talking of the Danish side with great respect, recalling that they had beaten Bayern Munich and Torino last season.**

**He has been at Auxerre since December 1991, but had to wait quite a while. Only when that talented international, Jean-Marc Ferreri, was hurt did he get his chance. Last summer, Ferreri left, so there was no longer the three-cornered contest between the two of them plus Didier Otokore. Now, says Martins, he has the confidence he needs to play well.**

**One of the stranger aspects of the transfer market in the summer was the sale of Liberia's brilliant George Weah to PSG by Monaco, who then acquired the striker the Parisian club were expected to sign, Jurgen Klinsmann of Inter.**

**On the face of it, Monaco were mad to let Weah go. His brilliant display and two goals in Naples made him one of the most coveted strikers in the world, albeit a player without a country whose international team can provide him with any real satisfaction.**

**Klinsmann, by contrast, is still a current German international, but seems somewhat past his best.**

**Significantly, in the Neapolitan game, Weah completely outshone Uruguayan striker Daniel Fonseca, who had scored all five goals for Napoli in Valencia in the previous round.**

**Fonseca, largely unsupported, was unable to rescue Napoli in Paris where a goalless draw — watched by 43,605 — was good enough to take PSG through.**

**Monaco's 1-0 defeat at home to Olympiakos, when PSG were rampant, rubbed home the implications of the two transfers.**

**True, Monaco have had some rotten luck. You cannot easily ride the loss of a midfielder as gifted as little Rui Barros, who did so splendidly in Europe last season. One more ankle operation put him out for a month. Dumas and Petit also missed numerous games, while Luis Henrique, from whom so much is expected, has found it hard to settle down.**

**Monaco still could not score in the second leg in Piraeus, where Olympiakos — with five men booked — clung on to a goalless draw.**

**In the Champions' Cup Marseille went through 2-0 against Dinamo Bucharest, thanks mainly to Boksic, who scored both.**

**Not all the PSG thunder is being stolen by Weah. That immen-sely gifted midfielder and former right-winger, Brazilian Valdo, is in peak form, and was a little behind Weah in Naples.**

**Valdo's clever free-kick allowed Weah to score his first goal, and Valdo generally shows far better form than he did in his first season in the capital.**

**Which may some-what console Monaco, in their disappointment over his fellow Brazil-ian, Luis Henrique.**

**Candido Filho Valdo left Brazil to play for Benfica, has a Portuguese-speaking manager in Artur Jorge, who won a Champions' Cup with Porto, and finally has adjusted to the pace of French football.**

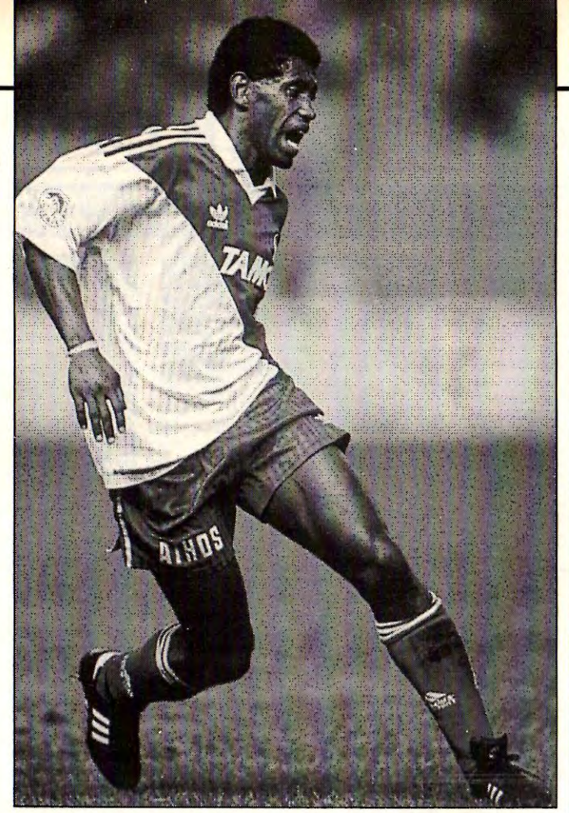
**Both his confidence and his fitness are notably improved this season. And in Weah he has the perfect striker to launch from midfield. You can't do that with Klinsmann.**

ANDRE **DUCLOS**

*Making the midfield move . . . Martins of Auxerre (left).*

*Taking time to settle . . . Luis Enrique of Monaco (right).*

*Adjusting to the pace . . . Valdo of Paris Saint Germain (below left).*



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| Paris SG | 14 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 26 | 10 | 20 |
| Auxerre | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 12 | 19 |
| Monaco | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 21 | 12 | 18 |
| Marseille | 14 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 20 | 14 | 18 |
| Bordeaux | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 10 | 16 |
| Montpellier | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| St Etienne | 14 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 15 | 13 | 15 |
| Strasbourg | 14 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 19 | 20 | 15 |
| Caen | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 20 | 13 |
| Sochaux | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 13 |
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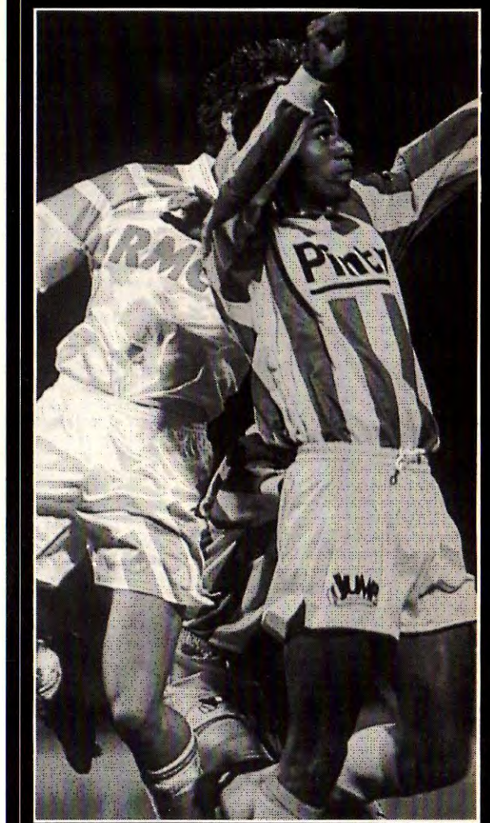


*Action from the game between Marseille and Nantes*

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**MARSEILLE 0**
**NANTES 1** (N'doram 43)

**TOULOUSE 0**
**LYON 0**

**ST ETIENNE 2** (Mendy 64, 75)
**BORDEAUX 1** (Marcio Santos 78)

**PARIS SG 1** (Calderaro 77)
**LENS 1** (Omam-Biyik 72)

**SOCHAUX 1** (Silvestre 23)
**MONACO 2** (Perez 36, 77)

**VALENCIENNES 4** (Burruchaga 7, Robert 21, 41, 87)
**LE HAVRE 1** (Tiehi 10)

**STRASBOURG 1** (Cobos 40)
**AUXERRE 1** (Bonalair 80)

**LILLE 1** (Brisson 83 pen)
**TOULON 0**

**MONTPELLIER 1** (Pickeu 73)
**METZ 0**

**CAEN 2** (Paille 15 pen, 59)
**NIMES 2** (Vercruysse 26, Monczuk 69)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**LE HAVRE 1** (Roux 28)
**LILLE 0**

**NIMES 2** (Vercruysse 65, Mazzucchetti 89)
**VALENCIENNES 1** (Kovacs 31)

**LENS 0**
**CAEN 3** (Gravelaine 8, 10, 80)

**AUXERRE 0**
**TOULOUSE 0**

**MONACO 2** (Djorkaeff 8, Perez 60)
**STRASBOURG 1** (Farina 61)

**TOULON 0**
**PARIS SG 2** (Weah 33, 58)

**BORDEAUX 3** (Zidance 56, Santos 60, Marque 70)
**SOCHAUX 0**

**LYON 1** (Garde 81 pen)
**METZ 1** (Kubik 36 pen)

**NANTES 6** (Loko 25, N'doram 43, 59, Pedros 61, Quedec 71, 89)
**MONTPELLIER 0**

**MARSEILLE 1** (Boksic 20)
**ST. ETIENNE 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**METZ 0**
**TOULON 0**

**TOULOUSE 1** (Nemecek 34)
**LE HAVRE 0**

**ST ETIENNE 1** (Moravcik 24)
**NANTES 0**

**PARIS SG 2** (Valdo 10, Ginola 64)
**NIMES 3** (Vercruysse 13, 80, Monczuk 20)

**SOCHAUX 2** (Piton 23, Clement 87)
**MARSEILLE 2** (Pele 10, Ferreri 92)

**VALENCIENNES 3** (Burruchaga 9, Gaillot 45, Duncker 84)
**AUXERRE 3** (Vahirua 14, 86, Baticle 81)

**STRASBOURG 4** (Bouafia 9, Leboeuf 37, Farina 55, Keshi 65)
**LENS 1** (El Haddaoui 39)

**LILLE 1** (Borges 23)
**LYON 1** (Ngotty 74)

**MONTPELLIER 2** (Divert 69, Pickeu 80)
**BORDEAUX 0**

**CAEN 1** (Gravelaine 29)
**MONACO 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**LE HAVRE 1** (Guruli 28)
**PARIS SG 1** (Weah pen 42)

**NIMES 1** (Buffat 51)
**TOULOUSE 1** (Bancarel 64)

**LENS 2** (Dehu 38, Peron 72)
**VALENCIENNES 1** (Kovacs 67)

**AUXERRE 4** (Cocard 15, Pierre o.g. 21, Prunier 61, Baticle 72)
**METZ 0**

**MONACO 3** (Djorkaeff 34, Klinsmann 58, 71)
**LILLE 0**

**TOULON 0**
**LYON 0**

**BORDEAUX 2** (Zidane 44, Lizarazu 48)
**CAEN 0**

**NANTES 1** (N'doram 5)
**SOCHAUX 1** (Caveglia 33)

**MARSEILLE 1** (Boksic 29)
**MONTPELLIER 1** (Ziober 77)

**ST ETIENNE 1** (Mendy 10)
**STRASBOURG 2** (Hughes 71, Cobos 85

# BROOKING TALKBACK

**BBC Radio and TV commentator TREVOR BROOKING, the former England midfield star, answers your letters...**

## Gazza hype

SIR — COME down to earth England! Okay, so you beat Turkey 4-0 and Gazza was man-of-the-match.

Turkey were moderate opposition. They've lost 16 of their last 17 away games and would probably struggle in the English First Division.

Their keeper Hayrettinn was very suspect and I only recall Gazza being tackled once in the whole game.

England won't find it so easy against the likes of Poland and Holland.

There's a long way to go between now and the World Cup Finals in 1994. But judging by all the hype in the press, you'd think England are certainties to qualify for the US and that Gazza is a world-beater.

Do other *WORLD SOCCER* readers agree that England will still struggle to qualify for the World Cup Finals . . . or has Graham Taylor at last got it right?

*— PAUL WALKER, Gillingham, Kent.*

***● Of course, it's too early to say everything about England is perfect. But the performance was definitely a step in the right direction and a great confidence booster for Graham Taylor and the team.***

***Turkey may not be the strongest of opponents, but to beat them 4-0 was a very good result. Poland only beat them 1-0.***

***Gazza is still only 80 per cent match-fit and he can only get better. A good part of England's overall improvement is due to his return.***

## Olympic clash

SIR — FIFA should think twice before killing the Olympic soccer tournament. No sport — not even soccer — can afford to stay out of the world's biggest sporting event and the media attention it brings. If FIFA are serious about spreading the gospel to America and Japan, Olympic exposure would be of great help.

Soccer also has an obligation to give something to long-suffering fans in Australia, Japan, Canada, US and South Korea — all former or future Olympic hosts where sports other than soccer dominate.

An excellent opportunity to promote soccer in new (non-World Cup) territory will be lost if FIFA pull out of the Olympics.

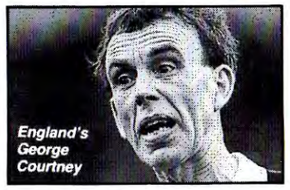
An "open" Olympic soccer tournament need not be a dangerous rival to the World Cup — if the number of competing teams is kept small.

A compact eight-team tournament, would be better than the overblown mess that was Barcelona '92, 16 teams playing a total of 32 matches.

*— MARCUS LINDROOS, Liljendal, Finland.*

***● MAIN criticism in Barcelona was the lack of very best players to produce the sort of skills only they can.***

***Unfortunately with the demands on those top players already at club and international level I cannot see how they could be incorporated into qualifying for the Olympic Games without its conflicting with the World Cup. An attractive and acceptable format is becoming increasingly difficult, but the Olympics are now primarily concerned with making money.***



*England's George Courtney*

## Top refs

SIR — It was very interesting to read the letter from T. Gilks regarding the top referees.

These are my top five all-time referees:

1. Karoly Palotai (Hungary).
2. Michel Vautrot (France).
3. C. Lo Bello (Italy).
4. Abraham Klein (Israel).
5. George Courtney (England).

*— RENO MICALLEF, Zinzell Street, Qormi, QRM 11, Malta.*

***● YOUR five seem a reasonable selection, but I often believe the best referees are those whose name you can never remember — simply because they allowed games to flow and did not inflict unnecessary stoppages.***

***The top ref when I was playing was Jack Taylor. He was strong without being dictatorial and allowed the game to flow.***

## Africa threat

SIR — Viewers of the World Cup in the United States should not be surprised if an African country makes an impact.

Football is developing quickly in Africa because children there play at every opportunity, whereas British kids are more interested in video games. These games have taken over children's lives in many cases.

Countries such as Cameroon, Ghana and Ivory Coast have shown what Africans can do. There will be more to come at US '94.

*— DOMENICO SCORDO, 26 Eastern Street, Aylesbury, Bucks, England.*

***● CAMEROON alerted everyone to African skill in 1990 and England need no reminding. Technically they are often superior and certainly our youngsters need to spend more time on basic skills at primary school age, otherwise even qualifying for major tournaments might be beyond the home countries by the turn of the century.***

*Leed's manager Howard Wilkinson celebrates with matchwinner Carl Shutt*

## Bring back Argies

SIR — Although it's pleasing to see more worldwide football on Screensport. I'm very disappointed at the apparent dropping of Thursday night's Argentina football.

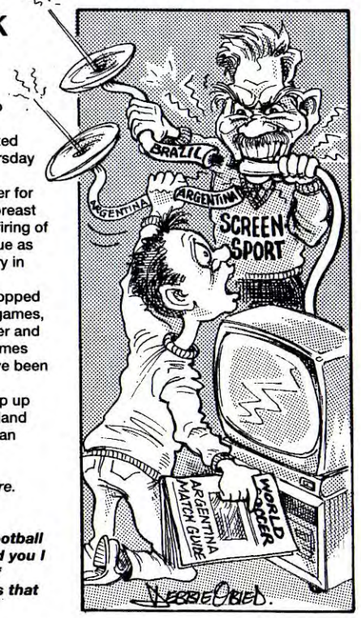
Having been a satellite TV owner for two years I watched and kept abreast of fixtures, transfers, hiring and firing of coaches etc. Now, I haven't a clue as to what's going on in that country in between *WS* publications.

If the Argentine League was dropped due to the showing of Brazilian games, then please bring back the former and drop the latter as most of the games I've seen on Saturday nights have been pretty dire affairs.

By all means, Screensport, keep up the good work with Football Holland and Espanol and regular European round-ups, but don't leave the Argentines out.

*— D. HALL, Warrington, Cheshire.*

***● I DON'T think anyone can complain about insufficient football on television these days; mind you I hadn't noticed the absence of Argentine football, so perhaps that says it all anyway!***




## UEFA wrong!

SIR — In reaching their judgement on the Leeds v Stuttgart affair, UEFA again resorted to Unwritten Rule No. 1: that no ruling shall be given which benefits a British club. It was scandalous that there should have been a reply after Stuttgart had clearly broken the rules.

Unfortunately, this is one of a long line of dubious decisions against British clubs over the years. One wonders if Stuttgart would have been given a second chance had their opponents come from outside the British Isles.

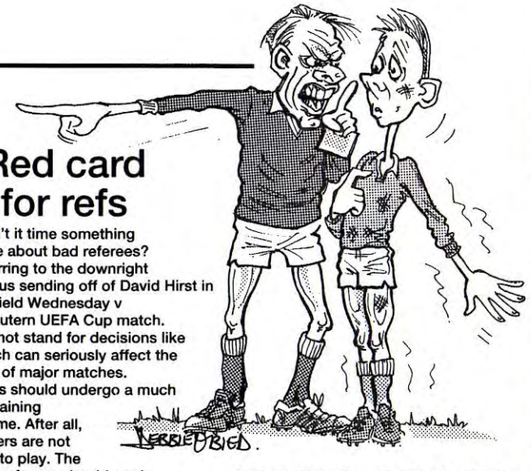
Ironically the rule Stuttgart broke was one originally devised by UEFA purely to handicap English clubs upon their return to European competition. This ruling was clearly to the benefit of countries whose clubs had enjoyed easy pickings during the absence of English clubs after Heysel.

The foreign-player limit was of no consequence to any other major footballing power, and took no account of the special conditions which exist within the British Isles.

*— CHRIS WALKER, 1930 Woodland Road, Montoureville, PA1775409614, USA.*

***● I totally agree that UEFA were wrong to order a third match, because once Stuttgart admitted their error they should have withdrawn from the competition. All the English clubs suffered an early exit from European competitions, and the foreign-player restriction seems to have taken a toll.***





## Red card for refs

SIR— Isn't it time something was done about bad referees?

I am referring to the downright outrageous sending off of David Hirst in the Sheffield Wednesday v Kaiserslautern UEFA Cup match.

We cannot stand for decisions like this, which can seriously affect the outcome of major matches.

Referees should undergo a much stricter training programme. After all, bad players are not selected to play. The same for referees should apply.

*— J. BRUSHWOOD, Sheffield, England.*

***● I note your address and understand the frustration, but inconsistent refereeing decisions, especially abroad, are something players and supporters have to learn to cope with, however unacceptable it seems. As a player I tried to convince myself that such decisions gradually balance themselves out over a career, but that's not much consolation now your team are out of the UEFA Cup. Certainly the incident involving David Hirst never warranted a red card.***

## Coke for all

SIR — Premier League chiefs should choose between continuing with the 22-club league without the Coca-Cola Cup or changing to an 18-club league retaining the Cup.

In a 22-club situation, the three divisions could compete for the Coca-Cola Cup. With an 18-club league the four clubs losing their Premier League status could be rewarded by being seeded in the League Cup competition for the first season of the change.

The man in the street should not be asked to bear the cost. Do supporters in England think that this suggestion is a suitable approach to English football?

*— KATHY COLSEY, 17 Piccadilly Crescent, Campbelltown 5074, Australia.*

***● THE Premier League should be reduced to a maximum 18 clubs — 22 is excessive and detracts from the quality and entertainment on show.***

***All clubs should still compete for the Coca-Cola Cup, but it is unnecessary to offer the four departing clubs compensation for relegation.***

***Arguments about the loss of revenue from four home matches should not apply: I believe an improvement in the level of performance would stimulate an increase in gates for the remaining fixtures.***

## Hold fire

SIR — Reading your article on Sao Paulo: The Unbrazilian Best, it is easy to understand why the club have been able to enjoy success.

In an era where changing coaches is an everyday occurrence, Sao Paulo have had the courage to stand by their coach for two years in spite of a bad start.

Today's world soccer is very demanding and bound by the pressures to yield positive results, therefore making it a deciding factor in the fate of many coaches.

Needing two years, or more, to be able to express their philosophy on the field, coaches are very seldom given this chance.

Instead, the rewards for a coach who happens to lose four or five straight games is to be fired. As a result, in order to protect themselves, coaches concentrate mainly on defence and on avoiding defeat, at all cost.

A change in attitude is what we need, as opposed to a change in the rules of the game to make it more offensive.

Giving coaches the proper amount of time to put out a good product will most definitely improve the way the game is played.

*— MANUEL M. BUENTELLO, 115 Waring Drive, San Antonio, TX78214.*

***● COACHES and managers should be appointed for at least a full season and no dismissals allowed unless through ill health. Not only might that strengthen the attitude and decisions they make, but it would discourage supporters and the media from exerting unfair pressure and speculation whenever a burst of poor results occur. It might make clubs think more carefully about their appointments when they realise they cannot hire and fire at will! Loyalty might then suddenly find its way back into our football vocabulary.***

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## PENPALS

FOOTBALL fan, 14, seeks penpals anywhere.
*— Kwaku Tawiah, c/o Nana Kofi, SCC, Sunyani B/A, Ghana.*

I PLAY No. 10 for a club called All Stars, and would like to hear from other players.
*— Nnamdi Amazoi, 1 Adeleye St, Sari-Iganmu, Orile, Lagos, Nigeria.*

AJAX fan, female, 15, seeks penpals all over the world.
*— Juliette Smink, OZ Achterburgwal 147, 1072 DG Amsterdam, Holland.*

STUDENT, 19, supports Man. United and Milan, wants penfriends, pref. female.
*— Paul McCormick, Cloghroe, Co. Cork, Ireland.*

FAN of Euro football seeks penpals m/f, any country.
*— Michael Egbo, PO Box 12494 Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria.*

LIVERPOOL fan wants penpals.
*— Hammerman Sikhosana, 1791 New Magwegwe, PO Magwegwe, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.*

FEYENOORD fan looking for penfriends. All letters answered.
*— Perino Sluimer, Madeliefstraat 33C, 3083 TC Rotterdam, Holland.*

MALE soccer fan wants penpals, pref. Italy, Scotland and Japan. All letters answered.
*— Gbenga Ivagba, PO Box 631 Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria.*

EUROCARD contest winner seeks penpals interested in African soccer.
*— Akintunde Akinsemola, PO Box 2317 Akure, Nigeria.*

FANS of Liverpool, please write.
*— Tonderia Ghitonho, 6553 Gwabalanda, PO Luveve, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.*

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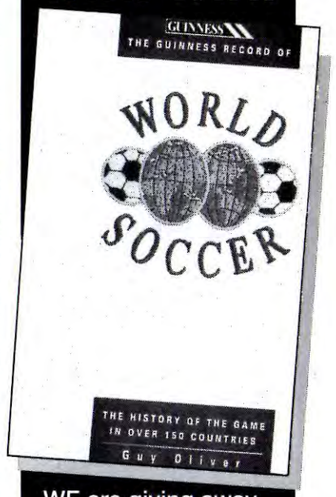


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## ISRAEL

**AFTER 30 years of globetrotting, Israeli football has finally found a permanent home on the European map at international and club level.**

*Key man . . . Liverpool striker Ronny Rosenthal.*

# A permanent home at last

UEFA's 1990 decision to accept Israel came after persistent campaigning by the former IFA chairman, Shaul Sviri, whose efforts were rewarded with the team's place in the European World Cup qualifiers, and permanent representation in Europe's club competitions.

Historically, Israel have been dependent on the vagaries of world and FIFA politics in terms of placement for World Cup qualifying tournaments. Up to the mid-sixties, the national team were a permanent European fixture, but after the 1967 Six Day war they were put in the Oceania qualifying group, which they won at the first attempt, to reach the 1970 Mexico finals.

That squad, coached by Emmanuel Schaffer, represented the qualities of a fledgling state, fighting for survival. There was little money in the local game — Schaffer earned his living outside football, tearing tickets in a cinema. But with gates and interest high, locals look back on that as the golden age.

In three group games in Mexico, Israel lost to Uruguay and drew with Sweden and Italy.

Since then, apart from muted success at club level in various Asian tournaments, Israeli soccer has suffered from a lack of top club competition.

The national team were allowed back into Europe for the 1982 World Cup qualifiers, and under English coach Jack Mansell they responded with some creditable performances, notably the 4-1 demolition of Portugal and home draws with Northern Ireland and Sweden.

But for the next two World Cups it was Jules Verne all over again, with games as far afield as Australia and Colombia, where Higuita's heroics in 1989 denied Israel a place in Italy.

There is no doubt that playing in Europe at club level will improve playing standards. Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Petah Tikva gave Club Brugge and Feyenoord plenty to think about earlier this season. And the current qualifying campaign will be an immediate indicator of Israel's position in relation to Europe.

Realistically, Israel are unlikely to finish higher than fifth. But recent results in friendlies — a win in Iceland and draws against the Faroe Islands, Hungary and Poland — along with an unprecedented rise in the league standard, gave rise to a feeling of optimism.

MARK **RIVLIN**

## TURKEY

# Match maestro Ridvan in row

**SEPP PIONTEK'S Turkish squad tuned up for what proved to be a sad visit to Wembley with a remarkable win over San Marino before a 40,000 crowd in Ankara.**

**The match was level at 1-1 with only five minutes to go. Then the Turks scored three times, all from free-kicks, to win 4-1.**

**The after-match discussions centred round Piontek and midfielder Ridvan Dilman (left), who disobeyed the coach's instructions. When Hami went on as a substitute in the second half, he was told to play wide on the left. Ridvan, however, told him to play as a second striker — and he scored one goal and made another.**

**Piontek claimed that Ridvan had "disorganised" the attack by moving Hami — although the score indicated otherwise.**

**Ridvan, still battling on bravely despite his long run of injuries, countered: "I did not like the set-up. We could not score with only Hakan up front, so I switched Hami to help him.**

**"Piontek's lucky. I saved him from the sack."**

**When the dust settled, Piontek — "I died a thousand times" — was able to concentrate on the England game.**

**Ridvan was missing — again! — and the team slumped to a 4-0 defeat.**

**German coach Kalli Feldkamp's Galatasaray are the sole survivors of Turkey's four clubs in Europe, following a 0-0 draw in Frankfurt and a 1-0 win over Eintracht at home. Gala's other Germans, Falke and Stumf, plus 18-year-old Okan and goalkeeper Hayrettin, were outstanding.**

**The other UEFA Cup contestants, Fenerbahce, beat Sigma Olomouc 1-0 at home but collapsed in Czechoslovakia. They crashed 7-1 and had three men sent off, amid allegations of refereeing bias.**

**Trabzonspor fell 2-0 at home against Atletico Madrid, watched by only 10,000. As a change from recent rowdiness, the match went off without incident.**

**The return was a goalless draw, but Trabzon rarely looked like narrowing the deficit. Champions Besiktas had gone out in the first round.**

**On the domestic front, surprise leaders Kocaelispor were three points clear of Fenerbahce after 10 matches.**

**Champions Besiktas had moved up to third after an uncertain start, and have not lost any of their last 44 league matches.**

**Galatasaray were fourth, five points behind the leaders.**

HASAN **CEMALI**

## MALTA

# Still seeking that first victory

**MALTA surrendered a point at home to the Estonians in their opening World Cup qualifier, and have still to register their first World Cup victory.**

**An encouraging 10,000 crowd saw the Maltese inspired by Carmel Busuttil in midfield but fail to find the way through an overcrowded defence.**

**The closest Malta went was when Zerafa's header beat Poom only to hit the bar, with Sultana's flick from the rebound cleared off the line by Hepner.**

**Coach Pippo Psaila said that Malta had played far less impressively in the past and won and he would have liked it to be that way against the Estonians.**

**Floriana extended their Premier League lead to four points with 10 points from six games.**

**Hamrun got the better of Valletta by 2-1 — inflicting the first defeat on the champions since April 6, 1991.**

**That record spanned 22 games without conceding a single goal in the first half.**

**This time John Micallef and Stefan Sultana scored before the break, Sultana getting his seventh goal from his last eight outings against Valletta.**

**There was a sad ending to the career of 31-year-old Hamrun and former international defender Alex Azzopardi, banned for life by the FA after being found guilty of trying to bribe a player.**

DOMENICO **AQUILINA**

*Inspiration . . . Carmel Busuttil.*

## PORTUGAL

# Ivic sacking just tip of Benfica iceberg

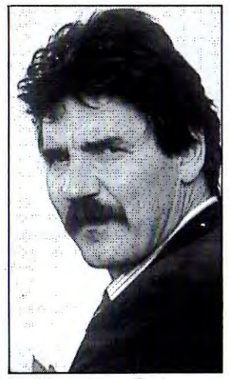
**WHAT'S happened to Benfica? It's not merely the dismissal of new coach Tomislav Ivic which has prompted this question.**

**The Eagles of Lisbon, racked by injuries, wrangling among the cliques of players and then — ultimate disgrace — beaten 2-0 by neighbours Sporting, have tottered from one crisis to another. All the more remarkable that they managed to remain in touch with leaders Porto and reached the third round of the UEFA Cup.**

**President Jorge De Brito found an easy scapegoat: the media. He accused television, radio and newspapers of whipping up trouble, and has clamped down on reporters' access to the stadium and training centre, banned officials and players from talking to the press, and urged fans to hound journalists off the premises.**

**Brito's patience snapped after Rui Aguas, Benfica's injured international striker, complained to local papers that the directors were allowing the former Soviet trio of Sergei Yuran, Vasili Kulkov and Alexander Mostovoi to dictate club policy in all directions.**

**Without doubt the trio's outspoken criticisms of Ivic led to the dismissal of the much-travelled, highly-experienced coach less than four months after his arrival.**



*Replacement . . . Toni.*

**Ivic's job has been taken up by Toni, his former No. 2, who is vastly experienced when it comes to stepping up in mid-season to act as caretaker after yet another high-profile foreign coach has bitten the Portuguese dust.**

**Toni's first test ended in a 1-0 defeat in the fog by Porto but most observes agreed that Benfica were unfortunate. Toni opted for a 4-4-2 scheme more suited to Portuguese football temperament than the more complex ideas imported by Ivic.**

**Good news, meanwhile, for Bobby Robson. Sporting followed up their 2-0 defeat of Benfica with their first away victory of the season, by the same margin away to Chaves.**

RINO **LANDA**

## GREECE

# Plenty for fans to cheer

**CHANCES of a World Cup place have never looked so bright for the Greek national team.**

**Five points from the first three games put the team top of their qualifying group, and coach Alketas Panagoulias was confident enough to say: "I believe we can get points in Russia and in Hungary."**

**Greece have beaten Iceland twice, 1-0 each time, and had much the better of a 0-0 draw with Hungary in Salonika, where more than 40,000 fans jammed the stadium.**

**Panagoulias said: "We had no luck. This was the first match I've seen where one goalkeeper did not touch the ball until the 90th minute" — as was the case with Greek keeper Mirtsos.**

**"By February we'll be in better shape," Panagoulias added. "I hope we get better luck in the coming matches." Fans also find plenty to cheer in the form of Nigerian striker Amaeki Otitzi of Panachaiki, whose eight goals made him joint leading scorer in the Greek League with Vasilis Dimitriadis of AEK.**

**But Otitzi is none too happy. Despite his success, he is broke and claims that he has been short-changed.**

**"The money I make here is only enough for living, with a little left to send home to my family," he says.**

**Otitzi, who is one of eight children, added: "They told me I would get four million drachma to join Panachaiki, but all I got was two million. Fame is nice, but you need money to eat."**

LOU **ECONOMOPOULOS**

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## PORTUGAL

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Porto | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 7 | 18 |
| Belenenses | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 17 |
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| Beira Mar | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 13 | 12 |
| Pacos Ferreira | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 11 |
| Guimaraes | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 19 | 11 |
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| Estoril | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 10 |
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| Espinho | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 10 |
| Braga | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 13 | 10 |
| Tirsense | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 10 |
| Gil Vicente | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 17 | 10 |
| Chaves | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 20 | 5 |

## TURKEY

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Kocaelispor | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 7 | 25 |
| Fenerbahce | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 24 | 11 | 22 |
| Besiktas | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 22 |
| Galatasaray | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 8 | 20 |
| Trabzonspor | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 7 | 17 |
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## MALTA

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## GREECE

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## POLAND

# Some consolation for Lech

**THE valuable point gained in Rotterdam, to add to the two from the home tie with Turkey, has given manager Andrzej Strejlau hope.**

The home and away ties with San Marino, however, are not until the spring. In the meantime Streljau has to sit back and await the results of nine ties in Group Two. England visit Poland for the third time in the last three major international competitions, and by May 29 the table will have a distinctly different look.

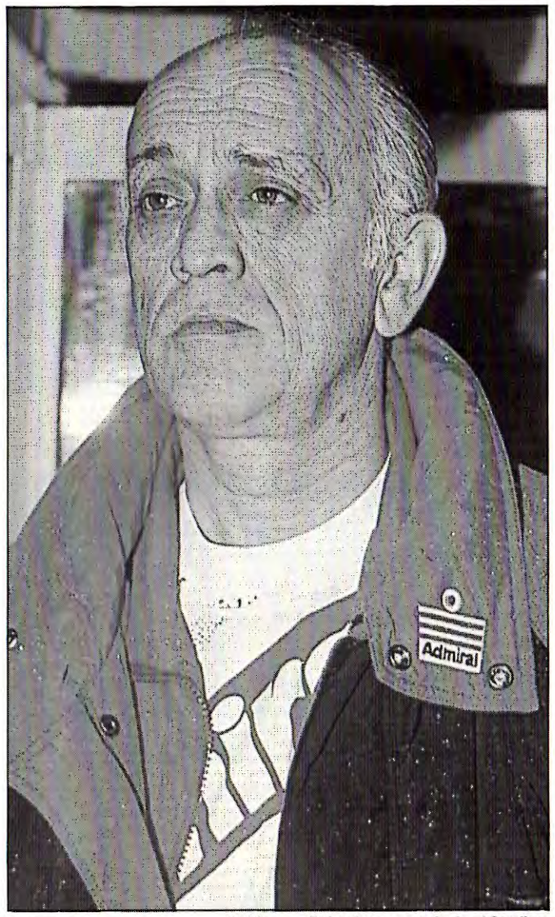
On the European front things unfortunately look much the same as usual. All the Polish representatives submitted, the last to do so being Lech, dismally beaten twice by IFK Gothenburg.

Now Lech have a lot to do if they are to knock LKS Lodz off the top of the table — an ambition not helped by a modest home draw with Mielec, and a 2-0 defeat by Ruch in Chorzow.

Widzew are the only undefeated club, with Koniarek leading the scorers on 14. His goal-a-game average is remarkable in a national championship where the art of the striker is notably lacking.

Katowice's international striker, Szewczyk, smashed two long-range free-kicks against Hutnik in Cracow to help his side to a 4-1 victory.

BOB **VAUGHAN**



*Waiting . . . Poland manager Andrzej Streljau.*

## BULGARIA

# Tight among the top four

**ONLY Cup fare is on the menu for Bulgarian fans until the Israelis, heavily defeated in Vienna, visit Sofia for a return World Cup qualifier next May.**

Before then Dimitar Penev takes his team to Tel Aviv, where rather more than a draw will be needed in view of the French victory over Finland in Paris and the Austrian looking better, at least when going forward.

Before the home tie Bulgaria have to go to Vienna, and avoiding defeat will be essential. There is not much to choose between the group's four main contestants.

At home the championship approaches the halfway mark with Levski opening a five-point lead over CSKA. Despite beating Spartak Varna 4-0 at home, Levski did not please their fans, whose ire probably was more a direct result of the negative attitude of their visitors.

In the "Little Sofia derby" Lok and Slavia fashioned a 2-2 draw, so Lok trail second-placed CSKA by only a point and could be in the running for a UEFA Cup place, especially if Stoyanov continues to average a goal a game. He is only two behind Levski's Guetov, the top shot with 15.

The last 32 of the Cup brought the usual surprises. Levski were held 1-1 by Second Division side Rilski Sportist in the first leg but triumphed, as expected, 4-2 in the home return.

Slavia, 11th in the League, look to have lost all chance of qualifying for Europe next season. Second Division LEKS won 3-0 away and now Slavia have to find at least four away goals.

BOB **VAUGHAN**

## CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

# Tough task for Sigma

**ON the whole there is good news on the international front, though more Czech than Slovak.**

Slovan's 4-0 defeat in Milan was a disappointment, though who is going to do better against Baresi & Co? Manager Gallis has the compensation of leading the All-CSFR league on goal average.

In the Cup-winners' Cup, Sparta carried on the good work begun in Bremen with a second victory over Werder, a result few could have predicted, especially as League form has not been up to scratch.

An almost full house of 29,704 at the Letna saw Siegl make it 4-2 to the Czecho-Slovak Cup-holders on aggregate, which more or less killed the tie. In the remaining 83 minutes Werder, with Prague-born Miroslav Votava hoping to prove the result in Bremen was just a hiccup, could make nothing of a Sparta side now on the way to a quarter-final with Parma.

Sigma also face an Italian club, Juventus, in the UEFA Cup following their 7-2 aggregate routing of Fenerbahce.

Manager Karel Brueckner will be hoping to work the magic again and take a lead to Turin, but most give Sigma little chance of survival.

Brueckner also will be hoping to close the gap on Dunajska Streda, who have three relatively easy fixtures before the mid-season break on December 9.

After the debacle in Prague against Belgium and the hard struggle to overcome the Faroes in Kosice, the national team's World Cup campaign got a lift with the point gained in Bucharest against Romania.

Vaclav Nemecek's 79th-minute penalty after Kuka had been hauled down means Czecho-Slovakia, probably in their last campaign as a united country, have three points from three games.

Manager Macala will be hoping for some help from Wales and Cyprus in not letting the Belgians — 10 points from five games — get any further ahead.

Macala also will be contemplating what the future will bring when soccer's top brass sorts out separate Czech, Moravian and Slovak federations.

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*Penalty . . . Vaclav Nemecek.*

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## HUNGARY

# Petry stars amid the shame

**THREE successive international matches — three Hungarian players sent off!**

That shameful statistic would have left national team chief Imre Jenei and his squad even more red-faced had not Zsolt Petry, the goalkeeper, again shown his class in ensuring a 0-0 draw against yet-to-be-beaten Greece in the World Cup qualifying match in Salonika.

Peter Lipcsei, who had scored a second-half hat-trick in the 3-0 win by League leaders Ferencvaros over Vasas, the season's upstarts, before the squad left for Greece, was sent off for a foul when 17 minutes of play remained, in only his third international, the 4-1 win over Qatar in Doha, and Tibor Nagy, the Vac FC-Samsung strongman, in the 1-1 draw against the same opponents a few days later.

There was some questionable refereeing in those games, and both players were dismissed in the final ten minutes — Cseh for a second cautionable offence and Nagy for dissent after a penalty against Hungary.

The Hungarians were forced into defensive mode in Salonika even before half-time. Lajos Detari had a leg injury and was absent again, for the seventh time in 14 competitive matches since he was transferred abroad.

Detari had integrated the team's play in the previous group match, in Luxembourg, and surely would have created openings against opponents who still shudder from his play when at Olympiakos.

Then, on the half-hour, Jozsef Kiprich was injured and substituted, leaving the team with little pace up front.

Jenei, battling with the Hungarian media, said before the game: "Even if we lose I won't resign."

He reckoned the match was not decisive and showed boldness in recalling Florian Urban, after an 11-month absence, and Ferenc Meszaros, last chosen for the national team in May 1990.

Eight newcomers had appeared in the internationals this season before the Greek game, but none of them was in the starting line-up.

Lipcsei's hat-trick against Vasas dampened the latter's spirits a few days after they announced a £30,000 sponsorship agreement with Smirnoff, the vodka company.

Vac players were told before the UEFA Cup tie against Benfica that they must play well in order to bring some money into the club.

Vac, who lost 6-1 on aggregate, are reduced to the inevitable: selling to survive.

After 13 games Ferencvaros led Vac by two points, with Kispest-Honved and Vasas three points further away.

Videoton lost their unbeaten home record in unusual circumstances, when Csepel's goalkeeper, Dr Laszlo Szieben, scored the only goal from a penalty in the 65th minute.

BRIAN **O'SULLIVAN**

*Classy . . . Hungarian goalkeeper Zsolt Petry.*

## ROMANIA

# Dumitrescu's goal is not enough

**THE 1-0 defeat in Brussels deprived Cornel Dinu's Romanian squad of their unbeaten record in World Cup Group Four and made a home win over Czecho-Slovakia a must, but it was not to be.**

Ilie Dumitrescu's opening goal proved insufficient, and his foul meant a penalty which cost a point.

Now Dinu will have to motivate his side for a visit to Nicosia, the last tie Romania play in 1992.

Steaua still survive in Europe, late goals by Cristescu and Vladoiu seeing off tenacious Aarhus. Now Steaua tackle Antwerp, with a potentially very tough task in the return, quite regardless of the height and width of the Belgian posts, the subject of recent debate.

Champions Dinamo went out as expected in Marseille, to two goals by Alen Boksic.

Now manager Alexandru Moldovan will have to recharge the Dinamos if they are to challenge for the title while cross-town rivals Steaua are committed to the Cup-winners' Cup.

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*Scorer . . . Ion Vladoiu.*

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## RUSSIA

# Two Spartaks at the top

**THERE was no doubt that the Russian championship went to the right club, Moscow Spartak, where former defender Oleg Romantsev had assembled a strong squad despite last season's exodus of many top performers.**

But there was also widespread admiration for the other Spartak, Vladikavkaz, tempered by sadness that the victory over Moscow Asmaral that gave them the runners-up spot was seen by only 2,000 fans. Vladikavkaz supporters are usually the most enthusiastic anywhere, but unrest in the south of Russia had its inevitable toll.

Spartak provided six players for the national team, and lost only one League game, against Zenit, when Romantsev rested several regulars. They also made impressive progress in the Cup-winners' Cup, beating Liverpool 6-2 over two legs.

Moscow Dynamo finished third despite the efforts of Velli Kasumov, the country's top scorer. He netted 16 goals in 17 games after moving from Moscow Spartak.

Defending champions CSKA could do no better than fifth, but their superb performance against Barcelona in the Champions' Cup was ample consolation. Qualification for the semi-final group stage will bring huge rewards, as well as problems of finding venues in warmer countries during the winter.

The Russian League format will be changed next season, with 18 clubs playing each other twice.

VICTOR **GUSEV**

*Strong squad . . . Romantsev.*

## ALBANIA

# Ruci returns

**FLAMURTARI of Vlore, who won the Albanian title two seasons ago, were bottom of the table after 13 matches.**

They were in such a desperate situation that Vasil Ruci was brought back after three years in retirement, and scored the winning goal against Tirana.

Whether Ruci, now 35, can lead the club to safety remains to be seen.

Besa of Kavaje, who have never won the title, were surprise leaders, on goal difference from Partizani. But defending champions Vlaznia were ominously close, two points behind.

As football gradually recovers from recent years of strife, a capitalist departure from the normal was made: Tirana, formerly 17 Nentori, have become the first Albanian club with a sponsor. The Lindi company have contributed 30,000 German marks — a great help in a difficult time, according to club official Skender Hyka.

The national team drew 1-1 with Latvia in a World Cup qualifier, with Ilir Kepa scoring the equaliser after a second-minute goal by Alexeyenko.

Indrit Fortuzi of Dinamo, making his debut at 19, was outstanding. Perlat Musta, last capped five years ago and now with Dinamo Bucharest, was Albania's substitute goalkeeper.

GEZIM **NUSHI**

## ESTONIA

# Hepner is No.1

**URMAS HEPNER has been chosen Player of the Year in Estonia.**

Hepner, who captains the national team, now plays for Kotkan TP in Finland.

Urmas Kurs of FC Flora was second in the poll, and Mart Poom was third. Poom now keeps goal for Finnish club Kuopio PS.

The first half of the championship ended with Norma Tallinn in the lead, having dropped only one point. Flora were only fifth, despite fielding most of the national squad who forced a 0-0 draw in their World Cup qualifying game in Malta.

*Player of the year . . . Urmas Hepner of Kotkan.*


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## YUGOSLAVIA/CROATIA

### CROATIA

# Referees in trouble

**FIRST DIVISION clubs in Croatia have acted against the men in black.**

Spurred on by the most powerful clubs, such as Hajduk and Hask-Gradjanski, their association demanded a suspension for 10 referees suspected of taking bribes.

Apparently in some cases the problem was not so much the bribe, but lack of money to make an offer. Discussions among all the parties concerned have been taking place.

The Croatian national team played their first home match, against Mexico in Zagreb under acting manager Stanko Poklepovic.

He called up three foreign-based players — Zvonimir Boban (Milan), Davor Suker (Sevilla) and Robert Jarni (Bari) while the rest of the team for this historic occasion came from Hajduk and Hask.

This caused an uproar from the public, irritated for years by a similar habit of former managers, who never looked further than Red Star, Partizan, Dinamo or Hajduk.

Many Croat players are abroad, but most of the managers could not find a job and had to stay in the Croatian First Division.

Hask-Gradjanski led the pack with 22 points after 13 rounds, followed by Hajduk on 19 and Zagreb and Rijeka with 17 each.

Hajduk started well but have been having problems with temperament. Top scorer Kozniku is getting too many cards and libero Andrijasevic wants to become the club skipper — so much so that he decided to stop playing until Mise hands him the captain's armband.

Hajduk had to suspend the over-ambitious player.

Sibenik and Dubrovnik, clubs from the Adriatic coast, are at the bottom, but Dubrovnik had a reason for celebration, too.

After more than a year of playing on other club's pitches they finally returned to their city and to their ground, now out of the war zone.

MLADEN **BILIC**

*Back from Italy . . . Boban played for the national team.*

## YUGOSLAVIA

# Remember the name: Tumbakovic

**IF anybody ever wondered why Partizan Belgrade fans call their club "Steamroller" they now know. After 13 games Partizan were top without a defeat — 11 victories and two draws.**

When Ivica Osim, Partizan and national team manager, went to Greece at the beginning of this season, fans were asking for an equally experienced and qualified replacement.

Club director and former international Nenad Bjekovic was considering to take a job himself, with no suitable candidates on the horizon.

Eventually he decided to take a risk and awarded the job to youth team coach Ljubisa Tumbakovic, formerly a very talented player who had to quit the game at 20 because of serious illness.

Tumbakovic has blended a brilliant squad, playing fast, attacking football. The furious tempo is dictated by Mijatovic and Brnovic, two young national team players of Montenegrin origin.

Winger Bogdanovic who is still one of the most exciting dribblers around, and the defenders are very steady, having been playing together for some years. Petric, Milanic, Vujacic and Stanojkovic all played for the old Yugoslavia and are now working hard to get into the new national squad.

Vojvodina, in second place are the surprise of this championship, while Red Star are disappointed at being only third.

Coach Zivadinovic blames it all on the fact that Partizan and Vojvodina managed to keep most of their players while Red Star lost nearly all the first team to foreign clubs. And Romanian international Vlaiku has not adapted well to the Yugslav game.

Red Star, Partizan, Zemun and Second Division Zastava Kragujevac are the semi-finalists in the Cup.

Miljan Miljanic, still a mighty figure in Yugoslav soccer, is helping to steer the sport through this tough period of international isolation.

As the supreme boss of all national selections he picked the new national manager, Slobodan Santrac, previously Yugoslav youth manager.

Miljanic also tried to sort out the problem regarding the election of the FA president.

Red Star and Partizan, tired of bureaucrats, decided to nominate Red Star director Dragan Dzajic, but are opposed by FA officials trying to get their candidate the job, which provides for a life-long term.

Miljanic could solve this problem by taking the job for himself.

MLADEN **BILIC**

1042 SPO LIGHT ON **SINISA MIHAJLOVIC**

# Crossfire

## Refugee Misha's new life

**MISHA'S return to his old neighbourhood in Vukovar reduced him to tears. His past has been destroyed, victim of the civil war which has divided Yugoslavia.**

"The war is absurd — it's lacerating my country," says Misha, otherwise known as Sinisa Mihajlovic.

"My mother is from Croatia and my father is a Serb. I continually asked myself why others are killing themselves."

Young midfielder Misha fled his shattered nation, but has not deserted the afflicted. He is noted for making contributions to the needy, including the children of deceased miners in 1991, in addition to funding numerous operations and donating large sums for orphans.

Mihajlovic joined the exodus from Red Star Belgrade in the summer. He went to Roma, and team-mates Dejan Savicevic, Valdimir Jugovic and Darko Pancev joined Milan, Sampdoria and Inter respectively.

The cost of Misha's transfer exceeded £3 million, and in enrolling with the side coached by the ex-Sampdoria maestro, Vujadin Boskov, he believes his list of honours will be extended.

"Roma will become Italian champions once again with me in the team," he says confidently. "I won a great deal in Yugoslavia. I don't see why things should change. Roma have excellent players . . . and Boskov."

Sinisa Mihajlovic was born on February 20, 1969, in Vukovar, which is on Croatian territory, although the majority of the demolished city's inhabitants were Serbs.

His interest in football was soon evident and father, Bogdan, would play endlessly with his son. The door shutters would be used as a goal and needed replacing on a regular basis.

Later the family moved to Borovo Sejo, where Misha completed his education. There he found the man who would become decisive in his career: physical education teacher Zvonko Hercog, who was clearly impressed by his blossoming pupil. "The boy is a phenomenon," he said. "He is simply world class!"

Hercog recommended Misha to local side NK Borovo and after only one week he was given an opportunity in the first team. On his debut, he scored with a 25-yard free-kick, now regarded his trademark. He progressed rapidly and became a member of the national under-17 squad.

But Mihajlovic was not selected by coach Mirko Jozic for the party travelling to the 1987 Junior World Cup in Chile. He was left to watch on TV as his colleagues collected the trophy. Undeterred, he became his club's leading scorer, which prompted his move to Novi Sad the same year. Two seasons later, in a momentous turning point, he signed for Vojvodina and was instrumental in their first title since 1966, when Vujadin Boskov was there.

The Belgrade giants, Red Star and Partizan, courted Misha for a year, and his reservations about a move ended once Red Star appointed Lubo Petrovic as coach. Misha followed "my father in football" to the most revered club in Eastern Europe for £600,000, then a Yugoslav record.

Red Star's League title in 1990 was followed by Yugoslavia's first Champions' Cup victory, Mihajlovic scoring the fourth penalty in their triumph over Marseille in Bari.

The year ended with Red Star's 3-0 victory in the World Club Cup over Colo Colo, in Tokyo — sweet revenge for Mihajlovic. The Chileans were coached by Mirko Jozic, who had given Misha the biggest disappointment of his career.

He celebrated his last season with the League title, scoring 15 goals including eight from free-kicks, and was destined for a move abroad.

For all Misha's success at club level, he failed to make the 22 for Ivica Osim's World Cup squad in 1990. Osim preferred players with more experience. Then Yugoslavia's domestic tribulations eventually brought about sanctions, and the national side were subsequently excluded from Euro '92.

Mihajlovic has had to settle for club football, and quickly won over the Roma fans — and Boskov, who influenced his decision to migrate to the Italian capital. "He was one of the most important factors," says Mihajlovic. "To play for a coach who respects you is fundamental.

"Still, I would have joined Roma all the same. And had I known the fans would respond with such warmth, I would have come running. But I still need to merit such affection."

RAY **DELLA PIETRA**

### PRO-FILE

**SINISA MIHAJLOVIC**

**AS ROMA AND EX-YUGOSLAVIA**

**Born:** February 20, 1969, in Vukovar, Croatia.

**Previous clubs:** NK Borovo, Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Red Star Belgrade.

**International caps:** 4 (0 goals)

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| BVSC-Novep | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 16 | 11 |
| Ujpest TE | 13 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 15 | 19 | 10 |
| Siofok | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 14 | 18 | 10 |
| Gyor Raba ETO | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 18 | 9 |
| Nyiregyhaza | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 19 | 8 |
| Veszprem | 13 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 14 | 28 | 8 |

### ROMANIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Steaua | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 38 | 7 | 23 |
| Dinamo | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 7 | 21 |
| Univ. Craiova | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 14 | 17 |
| Gloria Bistrita | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 9 | 17 |
| Rapid Bucharest | 13 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 16 |
| Univ. Cluj | 13 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 15 |
| Elec. Craiova | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 15 |
| Otelul Galati | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 14 | 14 |
| FC Inter Sibiu | 13 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 16 | 18 | 13 |
| Sport. Studentesc | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 19 | 20 | 12 |
| Pol. Timisoara | 13 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 23 | 11 |
| Dacia Unirea Braila | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 16 | 10 |
| FC Brasov | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 15 | 10 |
| FC Ploiesti | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 20 | 9 |
| FC Farul Constanta | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 25 | 9 |
| Progresul | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 25 | 9 |
| Sellena Bacau | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 22 | 7 |
| CSM Resita | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 31 | 6 |

### POLAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LKS Lodz | 16 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 30 | 14 | 26 |
| Lech Poznan | 16 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 39 | 9 | 25 |
| Widzew Lodz | 16 | 9 | 7 | 0 | 34 | 17 | 25 |
| Ruch Chorzow | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 13 | 23 |
| Legia Warsaw | 16 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 26 | 15 | 22 |
| Stal Mielec | 16 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 22 | 14 | 20 |
| Zaglebie Lubin | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 28 | 18 | 17 |
| GKS Katowice | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 23 | 16 | 17 |
| Wisla Krakow | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 21 | 15 |
| Gornik Zabrze | 16 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 20 | 15 |
| Pogon Szczecin | 16 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 15 |
| Starka Tarnobrzeg | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 19 | 24 | 14 |
| Szombierki Bytom | 16 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 20 | 26 | 14 |
| Hutnik Krakow | 16 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 20 | 29 | 11 |
| Z. Bydgoszcz | 16 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 17 | 37 | 9 |
| Olimpia Poznan | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 32 | 8 |
| Slask Wroclaw | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 41 | 8 |
| J. Bialystok | 16 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 16 | 43 | 4 |

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA

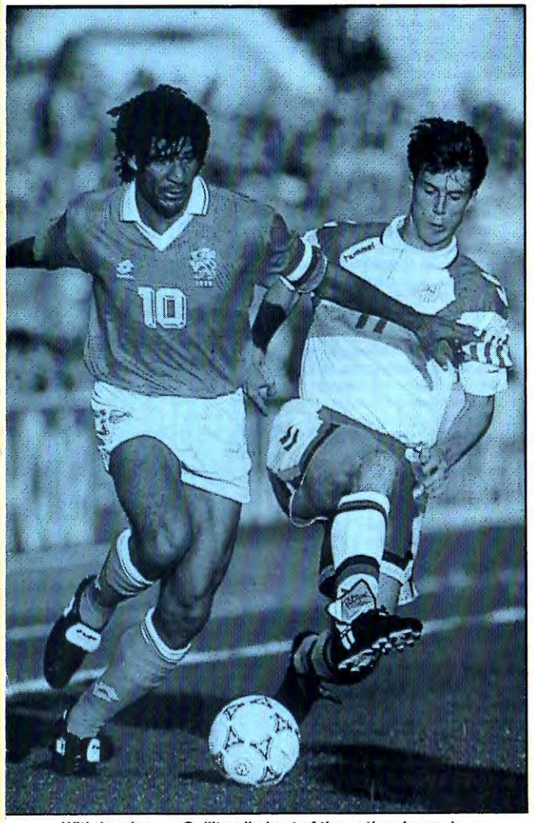
| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Slovan Bratislava | 12 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 12 | 18 |
| Dunajska Streda | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 17 | 16 |
| FC Boby Brno | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 22 | 21 | 16 |
| Sparta Prague | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 15 |
| Sigma Olomouc | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 14 | 15 |
| Slavia Prague | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 24 | 18 | 14 |
| FC Nitra | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 11 | 9 | 13 |
| Spartak Hradec | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 13 |
| Inter Bratislava | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 26 | 21 | 12 |
| Tatran Presov | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 21 | 18 | 12 |
| Banik Ostrava | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 18 | 11 |
| Vitkovice | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 15 | 10 |
| SK Budejovice | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 9 |
| Spartak Trnava | 12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 12 | 26 | 7 |
| Bohemians | 12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 22 | 7 |
| Dukla Prague | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 13 | 32 | 4 |

### ALBANIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Besa | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 20 | 8 | 19 |
| Partizani | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 11 | 19 |
| Dinamo | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 16 | 18 |
| Vllaznia | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 10 | 17 |
| Elbasani | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 14 |
| Albpetrol | 13 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 17 | 18 | 14 |
| Tirana | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 12 | 12 |
| Apolonia | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 21 | 20 | 12 |
| Teuta | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Laci | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 12 |
| Sopoti | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 21 | 11 |
| Pogradeci | 13 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 16 | 10 |
| Lushnja | 13 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 10 |
| Tomori | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 15 | 23 | 10 |
| Kastrioti | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 8 |
| Flamurtari | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 20 | 8 |

### RUSSIA — FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moscow Spartak | 14 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 36 | 12 | 24 |
| Spts Vladikavkaz | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 20 | 17 |
| Moscow Dynamo | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 26 | 21 | 16 |
| Lok. Moscow | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| CSKA | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 25 | 19 | 14 |
| Lok. N. Novgorod | 14 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 18 | 11 |
| Asmaral Moscow | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 17 | 36 | 9 |
| Rost. Rostov | 13 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 16 | 6 |



*Withdrawing . . . Gullit pulled out of the national squad.*

## HOLLAND

# Gullit's absence leaves a crucial gap

**BETWEEN hope and fear. Only four months after Holland's impressive performance at the European Championship, the nation doubts whether the team will be in the 1994 World Cup.**

A 2-1 loss against Norway and a disappointing 2-2 draw with Poland put the team on the defensive — a bizarre prospect.

How could a team who impressed the world a few months ago suffer such a downfall? Two aspects came up: the attitude of the players and the new coach who has to deal with this.

History has shown that Dutch players need to feel a knife in the back to reach their peak. As soon as the pressure drops, the team create their own problem.

Exactly what happened at Euro '92, after the win over Germany. Players and fans celebrated as if the championship had been won and were still with their heads in the sky when they had to face Denmark, who won by the lottery of penalty-kicks.

This occurred again before the Norway game and got out of control because of the absence of experienced players, most of all captain Ruud Gullit, left out after a dispute with his club. Milan. He said: "My mind is not with the national team, so it's better that I withdraw until I solve my problem at Milan."

### Coach takes radical action

So without several key players, coach Dick Advocaat, who succeeded Rinus Michels after Euro '92, had to fill gaps and solve the team's attitude in taking things too easy.

In Oslo things did not work out well. Not only did the team give away the game after an acceptable first half, when Holland seemed to be heading for an expected victory, some players also showed an unacceptable lack of form.

Advocaat decided to take radical action.

"After Euro '92 I thought it was reasonable to give the core of the team a fair chance. Now I'm free to take measures, which I'll certainly do."

This resulted in a provisional farewell for players such as John Van't Schip, Danny Blind and Frank de Boer, who for the game against Poland were replaced by Anderlecht's Van Vossen, and PSV's Numan and Vanenberg, persuaded to return to the squad after "resigning" some while ago.

The main option for Advocaat was to give the team's character a new impulse by putting in new and ambitious players.

The "restyled" Holland showed a tremendous attitude early in the Poland game, but goalkeeper Menzo and strikers Bergkamp and Van Basten had an off-day.

Menzo gave the Poles a goal, and Bergkamp and Van Basten, with 15 opportunities between them, shot everywhere except into the net.

Van Vossen saved one point by scoring two goals, but this couldn't avoid the depression after the game.

JAAP **DE GROOT**

# Wim struggling to earn his coaching badge

**ONCE a world-class player, now a successful coach of a prestigious top team. But Wim Van Hanegem was forced to go back to school to become an official, qualified football coach.**

Three times a week, seven times a year, with still the possibility that he won't pass his exams. If you don't have a proper diploma you're not allowed to head a team.

Not even if you're Wim Van Hanegem, once a brilliant left-footed midfielder with Feyenoord and the Dutch squad of the early seventies.

A lot of big brothers are controlling this system, with a long road to the top.

For example, if you've been a good professional, but didn't get capped at least 40 times, you're forced to study at least four to eight years to become a coach in Holland.

Even then you've been lucky because only 16 participants are chosen every four years to take part in the closing "full badge course".

According to this Van Hanegem even has a privileged status, but nevertheless he admits: "I accept this situation, but it's clear I'm not doing it for fun.

"But I can also blame myself for that. If I had shown more attention at school I wouldn't be sitting here."

In a way it's rather striking that one of the most colourful characters in Dutch football has committed himself to the system.

In the eighties Johan Cruyff started as an unqualified coach at Ajax and was banned by the Dutch Coaching Union. He then evaded this sanction by calling himself a technical director, who didn't lead training but took part.

That caused frustrations with the union leaders, who got public opinion against them when the unqualified Cruyff in 1987 led the extremely young Ajax team (average less than 21 years) to victory in the European Cup-winners' Cup.

The KNVB then dictated a compromise and donated Cruyff an honorary full badge.

Ruud Krol, the most capped player (83 times) in Dutch history, was forced to participate in the coaching course.

He neglected this option, saying he had the opportunity to sign with Belgian or Swiss teams and couldn't wait.

Krol then decided to participate in the international coaching course at Lilleshall in England, where the FA made it possible to get a full badge within two years, by participating in two courses of three weeks each.

When Krol passed the first part of his exam at Lilleshall, protests were heard all over Holland and the KNVB were forced to act to stop more players going abroad to coach.

A special course for former professionals who had been capped at least 40 times opened the door for people such as Van Hanegem, who had been out of the business for years, because his unqualified status forbid him to participate as a coach in the Dutch pro scene.

He had made it very clear that he would never bend over books for at least four years just to study a subject he had been active in at such a high level for so long.

## BELGIUM

# LIEGE LOSE THEIR WAY

**ERIC GERETS, one of the outstanding Belgian players of the past 20 years, is finding life hard now that he has taken up coaching.**

His FC Liege team have been struggling near the foot of the table, and look ominously in danger of suffering relegation — a fate they only narrowly avoided last season.

Their lack of confidence was demonstrated vividly in their away game against FC Boom, when they led 2-0 with 25 minutes to go, but lost 4-2.

Liege also had to struggle to beat Third Division Hoogstraten, 4-2 in the second round of the Belgian Cup after being behind twice.

Lommel coach Pierre Berx lost his job after a four-match run of defeats. A few months ago Berx was celebrating the club's promotion, but now he has gone, after six years in charge, to be replaced by his assistant, Danny David. He did not bring much immediate improvement, with only three points from his first six matches, but had consolation with a 5-2. Cup victory over Cercle.

Anderlecht, Club Brugge and Standard Liege have been among the pace-setters, with the latter having a run of nine wins and a draw. International striker Marc Wilmots is in excellent form.

Standard then surprisingly lost 3-1 at home to Waregem, who had beaten Anderlecht 5-2 away earlier in the season.

Charleroi also had five victories in succession, but the best match of the season so far was between Ekeren and Cercle, with the visitors winning 6-2. Josip Weber, Cercle's Yugoslav striker, scored four times.

*Striking . . . Marc Wilmots.*

Sadly this excellent advertisement for attacking football drew only 3,000 fans to the ground — though many more watched the live TV transmission.

Rudy Smidts scored the only goal against Romania to give Belgium a rather lucky win.

This was followed by the 2-0 defeat of Wales — the fifth victory in five World Cup qualifying games.

GILBERT ROUSSELLE



## SWITZERLAND

# The blend is right in Geneva

**SERVETTE of Geneva have found the right blend under manager Michel Renquin, a former Belgian international.**

Youth, experience and foreign mercenaries, fired by the ambition to make the grade and persuade some big European clubs to hire them, all helped Servette to the top.

Brazilian striker Anderson da Silva was leading the league scorers with 11 goals in 17 matches.

The Swiss First Division has 17 footballers from Brazil, six of them 21 or under.

Andy Egli, the 34-year-old captain, organises the Servette defence so well that he has returned to the national side, and has now played 70 times.

A lot of credit for Servette's achievements also must go to businessman Paul Annick-Weiller, who saved the club from oblivion and now guarantees the budget.

He is rarely seen at the stadium, but as long as there is always enough money in the bank, nobody at the club is complaining.

The national team made headlines with a splendid display in the 2-2 World Cup draw in Italy, and followed that with a 3-0 defeat of Malta to go five points clear.

ARTHUR **ROTMIL**

*Organiser . . . Andy Egli.*

## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

# 'Young' Terry is tops

**TERRY PHELAN, the most expensive Irish footballer ever, is officially Young Player of the Year — although he is almost 26.**

Phelan, who cost Manchester City £2.5 million when signed from Wimbledon, topped the Opel/FAI poll.

John Aldridge was a surprise choice as Player of the Year, ahead of Paul McGrath and Andy Townsend, and Lee Power of Norwich took the Under-21 award.

Opel have signed a new sponsorship deal with the FAI, lasting until 1998.

The Republic, who battled splendidly to draw 0-0 in Spain, and keep their World Cup hopes very much alive, are likely to be idle until the World Cup game against Northern Ireland on March 31.

A home game in February is ruled out because of rugby at Lansdowne Road, so unless an away game is fixed it's likely that manager Jack Charlton will opt for a "B" international on February 17.

There will be a new name on the League Cup after St Patrick's Athletic and Limerick meet in Dublin on December 30. Both have only one final appearance to their credit, Pat's losing to Athlone Town in 1980 and Limerick being beaten by Derry City two years back.

The Shield, now confined to First Division clubs, will have a new name, too. Galway United and Home Farm meet in the final at Dalymount Park on December 10. Galway, who were relegated last season, have never played in a final: the amateurs of the Farm lost to Drogheda last year.

For while this season Shamrock Rovers looked likely to miss the cut when the Premier Division splits in two next month.

At one stage Rovers were second from bottom, but they have since put together a few important wins and should now make the top half of the play-offs.

SEAN **CREEDON**

*Expensive . . . Terry Phelan.*

## AUSTRIA

# WSK's sudden climb

**THE surprising Wiener Sport Klub moved up to fourth place, only a point behind pacemakers Wacker Innsbruck, in Austria.**

Two weeks before the season's start WSK, the poorest club in the League, could not raise a team. Now experts feel that certain relegation candidates have been converted into contenders for at least a UEFA Cup place.

The "team of outcasts", led by part-time manager and bank employee Wilhelm Kaipel, beat Viennese giants Rapid and FC Austria in successive games, as well as last season's runners-up, Austria Salzburg, plus title candidate Admira/Wacker.

Only WSK are enlivening the generally poor standards in Austrian football.

The national team disappointed in the World Cup qualifier against France, but made amends, partly, with a 5-2 win over Israel.

Before the match journalists warned of another Faroe Islands debacle — the Austrians lost 1-0 in a European Championship tie two years ago. But the team played better than expected and this alone was as surprising as the margin of victory.

Only two foreign mercenaries, Tony Polster (Rayo Vallecano) and Andy Herzog (Werder Bremen), are now being used, but they at least bring some experience of playing in better leagues.

*Experience . . . Andy Herzog.*

# TABLES

### HOLLAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PSV | 12 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 7 | 20 |
| FC Twente | 11 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 24 | 9 | 16 |
| Feyenoord | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 9 | 16 |
| Ajax | 10 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 26 | 10 | 15 |
| FC Utrecht | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 18 | 11 | 15 |
| Vitesse | 11 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 14 |
| MVV | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 19 | 14 |
| Willem II | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 13 |
| GA Eagles | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 16 | 19 | 12 |
| Sparta | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 11 |
| Roda JC | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 19 | 20 | 10 |
| FC Groningen | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 20 | 10 |
| RKC | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 22 | 10 |
| Cambuur | 12 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| FC Volendam | 12 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 6 |
| FC Den Bosch | 12 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 29 | 6 |
| SVV/Dordrecht | 11 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 20 | 5 |
| Fortuna Sittard | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 30 | 4 |

### BELGIUM

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anderlecht | 12 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 11 | 21 |
| Standard Liege | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 16 | 19 |
| Club Brugge | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 7 | 16 |
| Charleroi | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 27 | 20 | 15 |
| Mechelen | 12 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 21 | 16 | 14 |
| Waregem | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 31 | 20 | 14 |
| Ghent | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 13 | 14 |
| Beveren | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 14 |
| Molenbeek | 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 18 | 13 | 13 |
| Antwerp | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 25 | 11 |
| Lierse | 12 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 19 | 11 |
| Genk | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 14 | 14 | 10 |
| Cercle Bruges | 12 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 29 | 33 | 9 |
| Boom | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 22 | 30 | 8 |
| Lokeren | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 8 |
| Ekeren | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 31 | 8 |
| FC Liege | 12 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 17 | 29 | 8 |
| Lommel | 12 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 33 | 3 |

### AUSTRIA

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wacker Innsbruck | 20 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 39 | 18 | 26 |
| Aus. Salzburg | 20 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 40 | 25 | 26 |
| Austria Vienna | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 42 | 24 | 25 |
| Sportclub | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 25 | 25 |
| Rapid | 20 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 31 | 24 | 23 |
| Admira Wacker | 20 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 40 | 32 | 21 |
| St Polten | 20 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 29 | 30 | 21 |
| Vorwarts Steyr | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 24 | 29 | 19 |
| VfB Modling | 20 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 32 | 38 | 17 |
| LASK | 20 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 21 | 40 | 14 |
| Stahl Linz | 20 | 3 | 6 | 11 | 19 | 36 | 12 |
| Sturm Graz | 20 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 22 | 45 | 11 |

### SWITZERLAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Servette | 19 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 29 | 13 | 26 |
| Young Boys | 19 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 34 | 26 | 22 |
| Lausanne | 19 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 25 | 18 | 21 |
| Sion | 19 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 24 | 19 | 21 |
| Aarau | 19 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 27 | 21 |
| Lugano | 19 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 26 | 24 | 20 |
| Neuchatel | 19 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 23 | 22 | 18 |
| Grasshopper | 19 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 24 | 24 | 18 |
| St Gallen | 19 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 18 | 21 | 18 |
| FC Zurich | 19 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 18 | 21 | 18 |
| Bulle | 19 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 35 | 13 |
| Chiasso | 19 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 13 | 25 | 12 |

### REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bohemians | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 29 | 7 | 19 |
| Cork City | 13 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 17 | 18 |
| Derry City | 13 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 4 | 16 |
| Dundalk | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 16 |
| Shelbourne | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 16 | 15 |
| St Patrick's | 13 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 9 | 14 |
| Shamrock Rov | 13 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 20 | 13 | 12 |
| Limerick | 13 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| Drogheda | 13 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 9 |
| Waterford | 13 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 31 | 9 |
| Bray Wanderers | 13 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 19 | 8 |
| Sligo Rovers | 13 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 29 | 8 |

### LUXEMBOURG

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Union | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 24 | 12 | 17 |
| Jeunesse Esch | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 11 | 16 |
| Avenir Beggen | 11 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 20 | 12 | 14 |
| FC Dudelange | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 10 | 14 |
| CS Grevenmacher | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 14 | 13 |
| Red Boys | 11 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 21 | 11 |
| Felsa Esch | 12 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| Spora Luxemburg | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 21 | 10 |
| Ans Bonnevoie | 12 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 15 | 24 | 7 |
| Etzella Ettelbruck | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 25 | 5 |

## SWEDEN

# At last AIK take title

**AIK became the Swedish champions for the first time in 55 years, after a memorable 3-2 win over Malmo in the decisive match.**

This is the first title for a Stockholm club since 1966, and fittingly the winner was scored by Gary Sundgren, celebrating his 25th birthday.

AIK were formed in 1891, have had eight previous league titles and their total of 65 seasons in the "Allsvenskan" is Sweden's best. But they often have been overshadowed by their arch rivals Djurgarden, notably in the 1960s.

Great players of AIK's past include little "Garvis" Carlsson, Kurre Hamrin, who became a very successful pro in Italy, Sanny Aslund and Yngve Leback.

AIK have played several memorable friendly matches against foreign teams, none more so than a game with Charlton when the Swedes were 7-1 down, yet drew 7-7. They also provided Pele with his first foreign opposition at senior level, when they met Santos in 1956.

The current revival began three years ago when president Stefan Soderberg decided to switch from Djurgarden to AIK. A little later he persuaded coach Tommy Soderberg to join him.

President Soderberg is a remarkable character, full of ambitious plans. Last year he surprised many people by snatching World Cup stopper Peter Larsson from Ajax Amsterdam — and he is known to be trailing other Swedes. Arsenal's George Graham lost his cool when Soderberg asked him if Anders Limpar could play for AIK during the English close season!

Larsson in defence and Ukrainian Yevtushenko are the hubs of the present AIK team. Yevtushenko hit 14 League goals (five penalties), only two fewer than Oster's Hans Eklund.

Sweden's authorities have announced that they will not renew Yevtushenko's residence visa, but the club are fighting the red tape.

"Although we won the title, the real crunch will come next season in the Champions' Cup," says president Soderberg.

"We still need more income and would not mind finding a new Brolin, to sell to Italy."

PENTTI **HIETANEN**

*Champion . . . AIK's Bjorn Vindlund.*

## DENMARK

# Larsen puts lights out

**DANISH fans were as delighted and relieved as national manager Richard Moller Nielsen when the European champions beat Northern Ireland in the World Cup qualifiers in Belfast.**

"It had begun to look as if we would never score or win a match again," said skipper Lars Olsen.

Denmark had disappointed against Latvia, Lithuania and the Irish Republic and whether they will yet take their place in the finals is open to doubt.

Henrik Larsen was the hero of Belfast. The Pisa midfielder, who is a target for both Aston Villa and Leeds, struck the only goal in the 51st minute. His goal put the lights out on the Irish in more ways than one — the floodlights packed up immediately afterwards.

Moller Nielsen said: "That was a wonderful goal after all our disapointments since the European Championship. I don't think we had become complacent. Other teams became much more determined to make life tough for us. They weren't just playing Denmark, they were playing the champions of Europe.

"That's why winning was such a good result because Northern Ireland are always a difficult side to beat anyway."

On the domestic scene, the newly-created FC Copenhagen head the first autumn/spring Danish championship, with a narrow lead over OB Odense. But Copenhagen crashed out of the UEFA Cup, beaten 2-0, 5-0 by Auxerre of France.

Also in the UEFA Cup Frem were thrashed 6-1 on aggregate by Zaragoza, for whom Romanian striker Dorin Mateut scored a hat-trick in the second leg. Ironically, the tie was barely over before Zaragoza had sold Mateut to Italian club Brescia.

Aarhus went very close to upsetting former European Champions Steaua Bucharest in the Cup-winners' Cup.

After winning 2-1 at home, they led 1-0 in Bucharest with ten minutes remaining. Then the defence collapsed twice and Steaua won on away goals.

RINNE **LANDSEN**

THOMAS
# RAVELLI

# For Better, For Verse

## Poetry-loving Ravelli is just at his peak

**SWEDISH goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli is proving to be a cat with nine lives. For years people in Sweden have predicted his fall from the national team. But he goes on and on.**

**He seemed sure to be chopped after Italia '90, but survived and was one of the few Swedes to come out of**

*Poetry in motion . . . Ravelli in action during the Sweden v England European Championship match last June.*

## FINLAND

# Physio leads HJK right to the top

**HJK made up a huge defecit to win their 18th Finnish title, under a coach in his first season.**

*Scorer . . . Ismo Lius of HJK.*

**Jari-Pekka Keurulainen, the physiotherapist with Finland's national team, had no previous experience of the tactical side of soccer when he took over as the club's fourth coach in four years, following Jyrki Heliskoski, Martti Kuusela and Jyrki Niemanen.**

**At one point, the worst seemed to be happening. HJK were playing badly and, at their lowest, were 14 points adrift from the top. Then pieces clicked into right places. And while HJK gathered steam, their most potent rivals, Kuusysi Lahti, FC Jazz and MyPa, began to drop points.**

**In an exciting finish, HJK beat Jazz 2-0 at home, drew 1-1 in Lahti, in terribly snowy conditions, and saw off MyPa 2-0 at home.**

**A lot of credit for HJK's success must be given to Ismo Lius, who scored 20 goals, one fewer than Antonio, the Brazilian who plays for Jazz. Lius is easily Finland's best finisher, but one who has never been given a real chance in the national colours.**

**Goalkeeper Antti Niemi, midfielders Janne Suokonautio and Pasi Tauriainen and forward Jari Vanhala also did well.**

**For the first time in 13 years Helsinki will have two clubs in the top division, because FinnPa ousted FC Oulu. TPV Tampere also go up. On a sadder note, Kuopio PS were relegated, ending an unbroken run of 44 years.**

PENTTI **HIETANEN**

## NORWAY

# Shining season ends with a double

**ROSENBORG took the Norwegian League trophy and Cup to Trondheim, a year after finishing runners-up in both.**

*Magical . . . Goran Sorloth of Rosenborg Trondheim.*

They were clear winners of the League, beating runners-up Kongsvinger 6-0 in their final match, and then defeated Lillestrom in a splendid Cup Final, watched by 28,000.

The crowd included Alex Ferguson, manager of Manchester United, who said: "It was a great match. I'm very impressed by the present standard of Norwegian football."

Defeat by Moscow Dynamo in the UEFA Cup was the only blot on Rosenborg's season. But their success could cost them some of their players. Several clubs are looking.

Coach Nils Arne Eggen, a former international full-back, takes much of the credit for Rosenborg's success. His keyword is "co-operation" within the team framework, but he allows his players scope to show individual talents, too.

Rosenborg, who lost the Cup Final 3-2 to relegated Stromsgodset last season, reversed that score against Lillestrom, with Bjornebye scoring the winner in injury time.

Dahlum and Sorloth had given Rosenborg the lead twice, Sorloth with a magical turn and volley, but Mjelde equalised twice.

Eggen will take his team into the Champions' Cup next season, with Lillestrom going into the Cup-winners' Cup as "lucky losers" and Kongsvinger playing in the UEFA Cup.

Sogndal and Mjondalen, the relegated pair, will be replaced by Fyllingen and Bodo Glimt.

Club exploits have been matched by those of the national team, with seven points taken from the first four World Cup qualifying games, including a well-merited draw at Wembley.

As winter draws in, Norwegian football is in a confident mood.

SIGURD **ODEGAARD**

# TABLES

### DENMARK

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FC Copenhagen | 16 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 25 | 12 | 23 |
| Brondby | 16 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 19 | 16 | 20 |
| Silkeborg | 16 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 30 | 13 | 19 |
| OB Odense | 16 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 28 | 17 | 19 |
| AaB Aalborg | 16 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 22 | 16 | 18 |
| AGF Aarhus | 16 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 22 | 18 | 17 |
| Lyngby | 16 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 17 | 19 | 14 |
| Nastved | 16 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 22 | 32 | 13 |
| Frem | 16 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 18 | 36 | 11 |
| B 1909 Odense | 16 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 38 | 6 |

### SWEDEN — FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AIK | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 23 | 11 | 34 |
| Norrkoping | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 18 | 32 |
| Oester | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 18 | 17 | 30 |
| Trelleborg | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 23 | 29 | 26 |
| Gothenburg | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 17 | 17 | 25 |
| Malmo FF | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 24 |

### FINLAND — FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| HJK Helsinki | 33 | 20 | 6 | 7 | 59 | 35 | 66 |
| Kuusysi Lahti | 33 | 19 | 6 | 8 | 61 | 38 | 63 |
| FC Jazz Pori | 33 | 18 | 9 | 6 | 62 | 42 | 63 |
| MyPa | 33 | 16 | 8 | 9 | 57 | 29 | 56 |
| Jaro Pietarsaari | 33 | 14 | 8 | 11 | 49 | 37 | 50 |
| Haka | 33 | 15 | 5 | 13 | 42 | 51 | 50 |
| RoPS | 33 | 12 | 6 | 15 | 53 | 49 | 42 |
| Ilves Tampere | 33 | 10 | 5 | 18 | 45 | 56 | 35 |
| TPS Turku | 33 | 9 | 8 | 16 | 29 | 45 | 35 |
| MP Mikkeli | 33 | 10 | 3 | 20 | 34 | 60 | 33 |
| FC Oulu | 33 | 9 | 5 | 19 | 42 | 68 | 32 |
| KuPS of Kuopio | 33 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 33 | 56 | 31 |

*KuPS and FC Oulu relegated, TPV Tampere and FinnPa promoted.*

### NORWAY — FINAL TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rosenborg | 22 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 58 | 19 | 46 |
| Kongsvinger | 22 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 43 | 27 | 40 |
| Start | 22 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 38 | 28 | 39 |
| Lillestrom | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 48 | 28 | 38 |
| Lyn | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 33 | 29 | 37 |
| Molde | 22 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 30 | 30 | 36 |
| Brann | 22 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 26 | 30 | 24 |
| Tromso | 22 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 22 | 37 | 24 |
| Viking | 22 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 34 | 21 |
| HamKam | 22 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 30 | 46 | 20 |
| Sogndal | 22 | 5 | 5 | 12 | 30 | 53 | 20 |
| Mjondalen | 22 | 5 | 3 | 14 | 20 | 42 | 18 |

*Sogndal and Mjondalen relegated to Second Division.*

*HamKam play Strommen and Drobak/Frogn in relegation play-offs.*

**the Italian nightmare with his reputation untarnished.**

**Now, two years later, after a fine showing in the European Championship took him to 92 caps, he looks far from finished, and wants to become the first Scandinavian keeper to collect 100.**

**"I am playing as well as ever and I am not packing in," he says. "My sights are on the 1994 World Cup."**

**Ravelli has never been one of Sweden's best-loved players. Admired, yes, but hardly adored. Nobody can deny his commitment, but Ravelli's constant shouting during matches, and some of his gestures, have given him a "tough guy" image.**

**A few years ago a local radio station secretly planted a microphone behind Ravelli's goal. The outcome was a scandal, for listeners were shocked to hear such language coming from a man who loves poetry.**

**Some players in Sweden claim that Ravelli systematically tries to provoke them with his abuse. He played for years in the same club sides as his twin, Andreas, and it was not unusual for a striker to clash with the goalkeeper, and for stopper Andreas to later pay back in kind.**

**"I am not a bad person," says Ravelli. "I'm just very competitive. I'm totally committed to my job and I want to show everyone that I am in full command of my area. Besides, I cannot stand losing."**

**Thomas, born on August 30, 1959, in Vimmerby, is 30 minutes younger than Andreas. Their parents had emigrated to Sweden from Austria, and even at the age of five Thomas spoke only a few words of Swedish.**

**His mother Margareta won the Swedish tennis championship, and at school Thomas excelled at various sports, including football, basketball, athletics and swimming. At nine he cleared 185 centimetres in the high jump. Today his personal best is 206 cm.**

**Ravelli took to football at Atvidaberg FF, one of Sweden's best clubs, during the 1970s. They did not run a junior team, but after the family moved south to Vaxjo, the twins joined Osters IF. Thomas made his debut in 1976, at 17, in a UEFA Cup match against Hibernian of Scotland.**

**Despite success in Oster's junior teams, Ravelli still had to wait more than three years to make the first-team place his own, seemingly unable to rise above Swedish international Goran Hagberg.**

**Ravelli names Hagberg as one of the influences over his career, but he was not prepared to wait for ever.**

**Hagberg had his supporters, but club chairman Stig Svensson, father of Sweden's current national supremo, Tommy Svensson, put his faith in young Ravelli. Oster won the championship in 1981, and Ravelli was a revelation.**

**He stayed at Oster until 1988, when the club were relegated and he left for IFK Gothenburg, afraid that playing in the Second Division would cost him his place in the national team.**

**Somehow Ravelli has managed to slip through the fingers of professional clubs. In 1986 he went close to joining VfB Stuttgart, but in the end they signed Eike Immel. Two years ago rumours strongly linked Ravelli with a Brazilian team, but once again he put the national team before a club move.**

**"I've not yet buried my dream of playing abroad," he says. "I still have six or seven years left at the top. I'm only now close to my peak as a goalkeeper.**

**"I still play an aggressive game, but I'm not as explosive as I used to be. Today I can control my feelings better."**

**Family responsibility, age and that love of poetry have mellowed Ravelli.**

**Maybe he is not that tough after all.**

PENTTI **HIETANEN**

## PRO-FILE

### THOMAS **RAVELLI**

**GOTHENBURG AND SWEDEN**

**Born:** Vimmerby, August 30, 1959.

**Previous clubs:** Atvidaberg FF, Osters Vaxjo.

**Senior debut:** 1976, for Osters against Hibernian in the UEFA Cup, won 4-3 on aggregate.

**International caps:** 92, a record for a Swedish goalkeeper.

***At 01.08.92***

# Van Basten . . .

## WORLD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# Moller Nielsen . . .

## WORLD MANAGER OF THE YEAR

# Denmark . . .

## WORLD TEAM OF THE YEAR

**Milan's marksman supreme — top scorer in Italy last term with 25 goals and leading the way again this season — topped the *WORLD SOCCER* poll for the second time. Marco Van Basten's previous success was in 1988.**

Joining him among our trio of award-winners this year, in the magazine's annual readers' poll, is Manager of the Year Richard Moller Nielsen of Denmark . . . with Denmark, not surprisingly, your Team of the Year.

Early in the voting, Van Basten and Dennis Bergkamp were neck and neck. But the longer the season continued, and the more steadily Van Basten kept on rattling in the goals for Milan, so the more steadily he pulled away.

Denmark's remarkable year has been reflected in the player poll with the third place gained by Manchester United's Peter Schmeichel.

The blond goalkeeper had enjoyed a fine season in English domestic competition, made a jittery start to the European finals, then ended up a hero with some superb saves in the semi-final against Holland and in the Final against Germany.

Only eight British players collected a significant number of voting nominations. The highest-placed is striker Ally McCoist of Rangers and Scotland, seventh. As for Englishmen, only Gary Lineker and Chris Waddle — both out of the international scene — collected support.

Barcelona's Champions' Cup match-winner, Ronald Koeman, was sixth while his coach, Johan Cruyff, finished runner-up in the Manager of the Year poll to Moller Nielsen.

It's true that Moller Nielsen continues to arouse some controversy in Denmark — particularly after their poor World Cup opening. But he earned his accolade, of course, for nervelessly steering his team, late substitutes for Yugoslavia, to an astounding victory in the European Championship.

Denmark's success in the Team poll was no surprise. But they only narrowly pipped Milan to the title.

The Italian champions may well consider that, over the year, their long, unbeaten run will be considered a more worthy achievement in many quarters than the Danes' five-game explosion against the odds inside three summer weeks.

Again, there were no Brits among the top three.

**DENMARK**
**Major achievement in 1992:** Winning the European Championship, by defeating Germany 2-0 in the Final in Gothenburg, although they had qualified only when war-torn Yugoslavia had to withdraw.

**Team:** Schmeichel — Kent Nielsen, Lars Olsen, Piechnik — Sivebaek (Claus Christiansen 65), Vilfort, Jensen, Larsen, Christofte — Povlsen, Brian Laudrup.
**Goals:** Jensen, Vilfort.

**MARCO VAN BASTEN**
**Centre forward.**
**Aged 28** (born October 31, 1964)
**58 caps** (24 goals) for Holland.
**Club:** Milan.

**VAN BASTEN underlined his reputation as the world's top striker with the 25 goals (including nine penalties) which made him top scorer in Italy last season — a finer guide to his talent than his luckless European Championship campaign in Sweden.**

He came to international attention in the 1983 World Youth Cup in Mexico before scoring 128 league goals for Ajax — almost one a game — before being sold for £1.5million to Milan.

In 1985-86 Van Basten won the Golden Boot thanks to 37 goals in 26 league games. He then collected another 31 goals in the next season and not only captained Ajax to victory in the Cup-winners' Cup but scored their winner in the final.

Milan bought him, despite competition from Barcelona, Roma and Werder Bremen. Their faith was rewarded with his contributions to two European Champions' Cup victories and he claimed another title in 1988, winning the European Championship with Holland.

## 1992 VOTING

### WORLD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | MARCO **VAN BASTEN** | (Milan/Holland) | 18.32 |
| 2 | DENNIS **BERGKAMP** | (Ajax/Holland) | 13.74 |
| 3 | PETER **SCHMEICHEL** | (Man Utd/Denmark) | 11.45 |
| 4 | Thomas Hassler | (Roma/Germany) | 7.65 |
| 5 | Brian Laudrup | (Fiorentina/Denmark) | 7.61 |
| 6 | Ronald Koeman | (Barcelona/Holland) | 4.58 |
| 7 | Ally McCoist | (Rangers/Scotland) | 3.84 |
| 8 | Frank Rijkaard | (Milan/Holland) | 3.80 |
| 9 | Rai | (Sao Paulo/Brazil) | 3.10 |
| 10 | Tomas Brolin | (Parma/Sweden) | 2.30 |

**Other significant nominations:** Roberto Baggio (Juventus, Ita), Franco Baresi (Milan, Ita), Bebeto (La Coruna, Bra), Nicola Berti (Inter, Ita), Rune Bratseth (Werder Bremen, Nor), John Brown (Rangers, Sco), Eric Cantona (Leeds, Fra), Paulo Futre (At Madrid, Por), Richard Gough (Rangers, Sco), Ruud Gullit (Milan, Hol), Vladimir Jugovic (Sampdoria, Yug), Andrzej Juskowiak (Sporting Lisbon, Pol), Jurgen Klinsmann (Monaco, Ger), Andy Kopke (Nurnberg, Ger), Gary Lineker (ex-Tottenham, Eng), Gary McAllister (Leeds, Sco), Flemming Povlsen (Dortmund, Den), Wynton Rufer (Bremen, NZ), Ian Rush (Liverpool, Wal), Hristo Stoichkov (Barcelona, Bul), Gordon Strachan (Leeds, Sco), Gianluca Vialli (Juventus, Ita), Kim Vilfort (Brondby, Den), Chris Waddle (Sheff Wed, Eng).

### WORLD TEAM OF THE YEAR

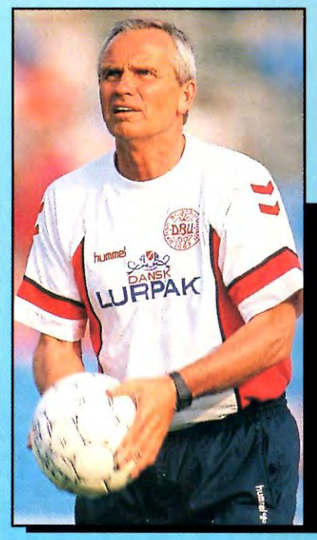
| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **DENMARK** | 35.40 |
| 2 | **MILAN** | 32.35 |
| 3 | **BARCELONA** | 9.92 |
| 4 | Sao Paulo | 7.63 |
| 5 | Rangers | 3.05 |
| 6 | Brazil | 1.52 |
| 7 | Argentina | 1.40 |
| 8 | Atletico Madrid | 1.31 |
| 9 | Germany | 1.20 |
| 10 | Holland | 1.16 |

**Other significant nominations:** Leeds, Yugoslavia, Real Madrid, Olimpia, Ajax, Werder Bremen, Eintracht Frankfurt, Ivory Coast, Scotland, Japan, United States.

### WORLD MANAGER OF THE YEAR

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | RICHARD **MOLLER NIELSEN** | (Denmark) | 27.48 |
| 2 | JOHAN **CRUYFF** | (Barcelona) | 16.81 |
| 3 | FABIO **CAPELLO** | (Milan) | 16.77 |
| 4 | Tele Santana | (Sao Paulo) | 9.92 |
| 5 | Alfio Basile | (Argentina) | 4.58 |
| 6 | Howard Wilkinson | (Leeds) | 3.10 |
| 7 | Walter Smith | (Rangers) | 2.30 |
| 8 | Bora Milutinovic | (United States) | 1.60 |
| 9 | Carlos Parreira | (Brazil) | 1.56 |
| 10 | Egil Olsen | (Norway) | 1.41 |

**Other significant nominations:** Jack Charlton (Republic of Ireland), Kenny Dalglish (Blackburn), Alex Ferguson (Manchester United), Luis Aragones (Atletico Madrid), Gordon Milne (Besiktas), Michel Platini (ex-France), Andy Roxburgh (Scotland), Arrigo Sacchi (Italy), Berti Vogts (Germany).




**RICHARD MOLLER NIELSEN.**
**Aged** 55 (born August 19, 1937).

**MOLLER NIELSEN took over as manager of Denmark in the spring of 1990 in succession to long-serving Sepp Piontek.**

He played for OB Odense in the 1950s, at centre back, but won his two caps as a right back.

His debut was in a 5-1 defeat by Czechoslovakia in October 1959. His second appearance was in a 4-0 win over Norway in September, 1961, when he injured a knee so badly he never played again.

He turned to coaching with OB in 1964, and led them to promotion to the First Division. Then he had two years at Esbjerg and five in the Second Division with Folin. In 1975 he returned to OB and stayed 13 years, leading them to two titles, and undertaking part-time appointments with the federation.

First Moller Nielsen looked after the under-21s then took over the Olympic team trying to qualify for the Seoul Games of 1988. Two years later he was appointed national manager.

His tenure has not been without controversy. But his single-minded dedication helped to take his team to their historic success at the European Championship finals in Sweden.

## THE PREVIOUS WINNERS

### WORLD FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1982** | | | |
| 1 | Paolo Rossi | (Juventus/Italy) | 23 |
| 2 | Karl-Heinz Rummenigge | (Bayern M, W Germany) | 14 |
| 3 | Paolo Roberto Falcao | (Roma/Brazil) | 12 |
| **1983** | | | |
| 1 | Zico | (Udinese/Brazil) | 28 |
| 2 | Michel Platini | (Juventus/France) | 24 |
| 3 | Paolo Roberto Falcao | (Roma/Brazil) | 18 |
| **1984** | | | |
| 1 | Michel Platini | (Juventus/France) | 54 |
| 2 | Ian Rush | (Liverpool/Wales) | 9 |
| 3 | Zico | (Udinese/Brazil) | 7 |
| **1985** | | | |
| 1 | Michel Platini | (Juventus/France) | 20.6 |
| 2 | Preben Elkjaer | (Verona/Denmark) | 11.2 |
| 3 | Diego Maradona | (Napoli/Argentina) | 7 |
| **1986** | | | |
| 1 | Diego Maradona | (Napoli/Argentina) | 35.8 |
| 2 | Igor Belanov | (Kiev Dynamo/Sov.Union) | 6.2 |
| 3 | Gary Lineker | (Barcelona/England) | 5.7 |
| **1987** | | | |
| 1 | Ruud Gullit | (Milan/Holland) | 38.5 |
| 2 | Diego Maradona | (Napoli/Argentina) | 13.1 |
| 3 | Marco Van Basten | (Milan/Holland) | 8.8 |
| **1988** | | | |
| 1 | Marco Van Basten | (Milan/Holland) | 43 |
| 2 | Ruud Gullit | (Milan/Holland) | 21 |
| 3 | Frank Rijkaard | (Milan/Holland) | 7 |
| **1989** | | | |
| 1 | Ruud Gullit | (Milan/Holland) | 24 |
| 2 | Marco Van Basten | (Milan/Holland) | 18 |
| 3 | Bebeto | (Flamengo/Vasco/Brazil) | 10 |
| **1990** | | | |
| 1 | Lothar Matthaus | (Internazionale/Germany) | 21.9 |
| 2 | Salvatore Schillaci | (Juventus/Italy) | 12.1 |
| 3 | Diego Maradona | (Napoli/Argentina) | 6.6 |
| **1991** | | | |
| 1 | Jean-Pierre Papin | (Marseille/France) | 25 |
| 2 | Robert Prosinecki | (Real Madrid, Yugoslavia) | 15 |
| 3 | Darko Pancev | (Red Star/Yugoslavia) | 13 |

### WORLD MANAGER OF THE YEAR

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1982** | | | |
| 1 | Enzo Bearzot | (Italy) | 49 |
| 2 | Tele Santana | (Brazil) | 18 |
| 3 | Michel Hidalgo | (France) | 7 |
| **1983** | | | |
| 1 | Sepp Piontek | (Denmark) | 29 |
| 2 | Ernst Happel | (Hamburg) | 27 |
| 3 | Nils Liedholm | (Roma) | 10 |
| **1984** | | | |
| 1 | Michel Hidalgo | (France) | 30 |
| 2 | Joe Fagan | (Liverpool) | 15 |
| 3 | Sepp Piontek | (Denmark) | 8 |
| **1985** | | | |
| 1 | Terry Venables | (Barcelona) | 29.8 |
| 2 | Howard Kendall | (Everton) | 28.6 |
| 3 | Giovanni Trapattoni | (Juventus) | 5.3 |
| **1986** | | | |
| 1 | Guy Thys | (Belgium) | 15.4 |
| 2 | Valeri Lobanovsky | (Kiev Dynamo/Sov Union) | 14.7 |
| 3 | Kenny Dalglish | (Liverpool) | 14.4 |
| **1987** | | | |
| 1 | Johan Cruyff | (Ajax Amsterdam) | 24.6 |
| 2 | Udo Lattek | (Koln) | 17.6 |
| 3 | Leo Beenhakker | (Real Madrid) | 16.5 |
| **1988** | | | |
| 1 | Rinus Michels | (Holland/Bayer Leverkusen) | 48 |
| 2 | Jackie Charlton | (Republic of Ireland) | 13 |
| 3 | Arrigo Sacchi | (Milan) | 6 |
| **1989** | | | |
| 1 | Arrigo Sacchi | (Milan) | 42 |
| 2 | Sebastiao Lazaroni | (Brazil) | 25 |
| 3 | George Graham | (Arsenal) | 8 |
| **1990** | | | |
| 1 | Franz Beckenbauer | (West Germany) | 52.7 |
| 2 | Bora Milutinovic | (Costa Rica) | 9.3 |
| 3 | Carlos Bilardo | (Argentina) | 6.3 |
| **1991** | | | |
| 1 | Michel Platini | (France) | 42 |
| 2 | Vujadin Boskov | (Sampdoria) | 19 |
| 3 | Alfio Basile | (Argentina) | 10 |

### WORLD TEAM OF THE YEAR

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **1982** | | |
| 1 | Brazil | 30 |
| 2 | Italy | 26 |
| 3 | Flamengo (Bra) | 20 |
| **1983** | | |
| 1 | Hamburg | 29 |
| 2 | Aberdeen | 15 |
| 3 | Denmark | 11 |
| **1984** | | |
| 1 | France | 45 |
| 2 | Liverpool | 19 |
| 3 | Juventus | 6 |
| **1985** | | |
| 1 | Everton | 42.3 |
| 2 | Juventus | 8.8 |
| 3 | Verona | 7.4 |
| **1986** | | |
| 1 | Argentina | 14.59 |
| 2 | Kiev Dynamo | 14.55 |
| 3 | Denmark | 8.6 |
| **1987** | | |
| 1 | FC Porto | 37.7 |
| 2 | Ajax Amsterdam | 18.9 |
| 3 | Real Madrid | 16.4 |
| **1988** | | |
| 1 | Holland | 43 |
| 2 | PSV Eindhoven | 13 |
| 3 | Liverpool | 10 |
| **1989** | | |
| 1 | Milan | 51 |
| 2 | Brazil | 23 |
| 3 | Arsenal | 7 |
| **1990** | | |
| 1 | West Germany | 28.4 |
| 2 | Milan | 17.6 |
| 3 | Cameroon | 9.6 |
| **1991** | | |
| 1 | France | 20 |
| 2 | Argentina | 17 |
| 3 | Red Star Belgrade | 13 |

● *Figures represent percentage of the total vote.*

# GASCOIGNE LIFTS GLOOM

England expects . . . and Gascoigne provides. Wright and Platt add their congratulations.

**ENGLISH football, like the English economy, recently has been hit by a slump, with both suffering "Black Wednesdays" — the former when the pound went into freefall on the European currency market, the latter when all three of England's sides in Europe crashed out in the second round.**

But while the gloom still hangs over the country's economy, things are looking much brighter on the football front, thanks chiefly to Paul Gascoigne.

His outstanding two-goal performance in the 4-0 victory over Turkey confirmed that he is back to his best, even if he is not back to full fitness yet.

This was England's finest performance — and widest margin of victory — since Graham Taylor took control of the national side two seasons ago, and it could not have come at a better time.

The dismal failure of Leeds, Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday in Europe,

## 'Our most satisfying performance for ages'

compounded by England's disappointing 1-1 draw with Norway last month, meant that a good performance and, crucially, a victory were vital against Turkey.

In the event the whole team, led by Gascoigne, responded magnificently. They all seemed filled with a confidence so badly lacking last summer in Sweden.

That, of course, was due to Gascoigne. His own self-confidence seemed to rub off on his team-mates and, from the 16th minute when he calmly struck his first goal, the result was never in doubt.

Gascoigne's importance to this England side was endorsed by Taylor, who admitted that he had completely reorganised his side's shape to accomodate him: "We have changed our whole pattern to give Gazza a platform to go out and play. That's how important he is."

Taylor, who had approached one of the most important games of his two-year reign in an unusually relaxed, light-hearted manner, added: "It was our most satisfying performance in a long while.

"I'm happy now because I will have a decent Christmas knowing we've got a good result.

"I said to my players that our job was to put a smile back on the face of English football and we have done that.

"The day I announced my squad was the morning after all our clubs had been beaten in Europe and everything was very gloomy.

"This was everything I asked for from my players."

Indeed it was. Dixon and Pearce both shrugged off their recent, indifferent form and looked more aggressive, assured and adventurous. Palmer and Ince worked tirelessly in midfield, providing the space and possession for Gascoigne to weave his magic.

Shearer and Wright both had fine games and, though Wright is still waiting for his first goal, his contribution was more than enough to justify his place.

The pair combined beautifully for England's second goal. Wright's pace took him clear of Recep down the left and his perfect cross was superbly headed home by Shearer, ducking in front of his marker at the near post.

Wright, like Gascoigne, plays with massive determination and desperately wants to be a winner. Given time, as he surely must be, the goals will come for him.

Overall the performance was just what was needed to lift a season which, at international level at least, looked bleak going into the winter.

On the domestic front things have been far more entertaining with the early-season leaders, surprisingly, being Norwich, Blackburn, QPR and Coventry.

But for all the early promise of these unlikely pace-setters the signs look ominous as Arsenal put together six consecutive league victories to move within a point of leaders Norwich. Arsenal's run coincided with the return to form of their defence, which looked unusually shaky back in August, and the coming together of their forwards.

Last season manager George Graham struggled to find the right balance up front with Wright, Limpar, Smith, Merson and Campbell all in contention for places.

That problem has been solved with Wright, Smith and Campbell forming the forward line and Merson in a free role just behind them. This arrangement is working well and all four have been among the goals recently.

Following Arsenal up the table are resurgent Aston Villa. A decade ago Villa won the title with a workmanlike side guided by the taciturn Ron Saunders. Now Villa are being talked of as title contenders again, but the circumstances are radically different.

The man in charge this time is Ron Atkinson, one of the great characters in the English game. Atkinson, always ready with a joke or a quote, has used money from Platt's sale to Bari to rebuild his side.

The key to Villa's revival is the blossoming partnership of Dalian Atkinson, back to full fitness, and Dean Saunders, a £2 million buy from Liverpool. With 21 goals between them this term, they have made Villa into genuine title hopefuls.

If the names at the top of the Premier League table look unusual at the moment, then so does the one at the bottom . . . Nottingham Forest.

Brian Clough's side have been rooted to the bottom all season, largely because of their failure to replace Walker and Sheringham, leaving the defence vulnerable and the attack lacking power.

Another character making the headlines is Wimbledon's Vinnie Jones, fined a record £20,000 by the FA for endorsing a video highlighting soccer's dirty tricks.

Jones (above) was doubly stupid, for getting involved with such a project in the first place and secondly for not insisting on royalty payments.

The video is expected to gross over £1 million, but Jones received just £1,600 for his involvement. Worse still for Jones and Wimbledon is the accompanying six-month ban, suspended for three years.

JOHN **KELLY**

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Norwich | 15 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 27 | 27 | 30 |
| Arsenal | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 13 | 29 |
| Blackburn | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 11 | 27 |
| Aston Villa | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 24 | 15 | 27 |
| QPR | 15 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 22 | 15 | 26 |
| Coventry | 15 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 18 | 18 | 23 |
| Man City | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 14 | 22 |
| Chelsea | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 22 | 19 | 22 |
| Ipswich | 15 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 20 | 18 | 21 |
| Man Utd | 15 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 12 | 21 |
| Liverpool | 15 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 24 | 24 | 19 |
| Middlesbrough | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 24 | 23 | 18 |
| Sheffield Wed. | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| Leeds | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 25 | 28 | 17 |
| Tottenham | 15 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 16 | 22 | 18 |
| Sheffield Utd | 15 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 13 | 19 | 16 |
| Oldham | 15 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 23 | 26 | 15 |
| Southampton | 15 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 15 |
| Wimbledon | 15 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 18 | 23 | 14 |
| Crystal Palace | 15 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 19 | 26 | 11 |
| Nottm. Forest | 15 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 24 | 10 |

Scotland success . . . McCoist scores for Rangers at Leeds.

## Rangers shake the money tree

**THE Rangers machine, under the astute guidance of manager Walter Smith, marches on unchallenged in Scotland and through to the final stages of the Champions' Cup.**

In reaching the financially lucrative mini-league — worth an estimated £5 million — Rangers left in their wake the cream of English football by inflicting home and away defeats on Leeds.

Manager Howard Wilkinson made the mistake of regarding a 2-1 defeat at Ibrox in the first leg as a good result.

A 2-1 away defeat against a team from, for example, Eastern Europe or Scandinavia, is generally looked on as acceptable, but in a clash between two British sides such an outlook is totally inappropriate.

Rangers play the same game home or away, as evidenced by Mark Hateley's early goal in the second leg, which virtually decided the tie.

Rangers are approaching the mini-league with confidence and, having avoided Milan and PSV Eindhoven in the draw, feel that they have an excellent chance of reaching the final.

As well as making positive headway in Europe, Smith's side continue to dominate domestic football.

A 2-1 win over Aberdeen in the Skol Cup Final means that all three Scottish trophies are now in the Ibrox trophy room, and victory over Celtic at Parkhead, three days after the Elland Road triumph, put them very much in front in the Championship race.

Rangers are now further alienated from the rest of Scottish football.

The perennial chasers, Celtic, Hearts, Aberdeen and Dundee United, have been left behind once again, and it is difficult to see any team closing the enormous gap.

ALAN **FAIRLEY**

**SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rangers | 16 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 12 | 28 |
| Hearts | 17 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 20 | 11 | 23 |
| Aberdeen | 16 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 26 | 13 | 22 |
| Celtic | 17 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 26 | 18 | 21 |
| Partick | 17 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 26 | 23 | 19 |
| Dundee Utd | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 18 | 18 |
| Hibernian | 17 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 20 | 22 | 16 |
| St Johnstone | 17 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 21 | 27 | 14 |
| Dundee | 17 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 29 | 12 |
| Falkirk | 17 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 34 | 12 |
| Airdrie | 17 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 28 | 9 |
| Motherwell | 17 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 33 | 8 |

## Miserable for managers

**FOUR managers lost their jobs in the first two months of the Irish League season.**

Bangor boss John Flanagan resigned at the end of September, but the real drama occurred at Linfield, where Eric Bowyer was shown the door after two years in charge.

Despite winning the Ulster Cup in September, Bowyer's team seemed to lack fire and passion. The final straw was a 1-0 defeat by Distillery, a dreadful performance after which players, manager and directors suffered considerable verbal abuse.

Bowyer accepted the decision with typical dignity. "I have no hard feelings", he said. "We were on the right road and not far off being a good side."

His replacement is Trevor Anderson, the third-team coach, and another former player for Linfield. Ironically Anderson was given his coaching post at Windsor Park last January, by Bowyer.

Coleraine manager Colin O'Neill resigned after newspaper allegations over his private life, and Ballyclare Comrades lost Jim Platt, after 11 successive defeats.

ROY **KITSON**

# RESULTS

## ENGLAND

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**CHELSEA 2** (Hall 27, Harford 79)
**IPSWICH TOWN 1** (Whitton 80)

**CRYSTAL PALACE 0**
**MAN CITY 0**

**EVERTON 1** (Beagrie 28)
**COVENTRY 1** (Ndlovu 44)

**LEEDS UTD 3** (Chapman 36, Speed 74, Whyte 78)
**SHEFFIELD UTD 1** (Beesley 53)

**NORWICH 2** (Bowen 53 pen, Sutton 64)
**QPR 1** (Allen 77)

**NOTTM. FOREST 0**
**ARSENAL 1** (Smith 37)

**SHEFFIELD WEDS. 2** (Palmer 10, Bright 17)
**OLDHAM 1** (Milligan 44)

**SOUTHAMPTON 2** (Dowie 55, Groves 85)
**WIMBLEDON 2** (Cotterill 51, 68)

**TOTTENHAM 2** (Sheringham 71 pen, Barmby 74)
**MIDDLESBROUGH 2** (Mustoe 2, Wilkinson 32)

**MAN UTD 2** (Hughes 79, 89)
**LIVERPOOL 2** (Hutchison 24, Rush 44)

**ASTON VILLA 0**
**BLACKBURN 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**ARSENAL 2** (Wright 5, Limpar 58)
**EVERTON 0**

**BLACKBURN 0**
**MAN UTD 0**

**COVENTRY 1** (Rosario 58)
**CHELSEA 2** (Harford 34, Stuart 70)

**IPSWICH TOWN 2** (Dozzell 72, 84)
**CRYSTAL PALACE 2** (Armstrong 60, Coleman 75)

**LIVERPOOL 4** (Thomas 14, Hutchison 20, Burrows 50, Walters 89 pen)
**NORWICH 1** (Butterworth 1)

**MAN CITY 1** (Sheron 74)
**SOUTHAMPTON 0**

**MIDDLESBROUGH 1** (Wilkinson 35)
**SHEFFIELD WEDS. 1** (Bright 30)

**OLDHAM 1** (Olney 19)
**ASTON VILLA 1** (Atkinson 81)

**QPR 2** (Bardsley 73, Ferdinand 84)
**LEEDS UTD 1** (Strachan 57)

**SHEFFIELD UTD 0**

Ranger . . . Allen of QPR.

**NOTTM. FOREST 0**

**WIMBLEDON 1** (Gibson 28)
**TOTTENHAM 1** (Barmby 47)

MIDWEEK

**ASTON VILLA 0**
**BLACKBURN 0**

**NOTTM. FOREST 1** (Black 66)
**MIDDLESBROUGH 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**CHELSEA 1** (Townsend 41)
**SHEFFIELD UTD 2** (Littlejohn 40, Deane 54)

**EVERTON 1** (Brightwell o.g. 68)
**MAN CITY 3** (Sheron 12, 62, White 19)

**LEEDS UTD 2** (Chapman 70, Fairclough 90)
**COVENTRY 2** (McAllister 12 o.g. Ndlovu 78)

**MAN UTD 0**
**WIMBLEDON 1** (Sanchez 80)

**NORWICH 1** (Sutch 86)
**MIDDLESBROUGH 1** (Wilkinson 64)

**NOTTM. FOREST 0**
**IPSWICH TOWN 1** (Dozzell 6)

**SHEFFIELD WEDS. 0**
**BLACKBURN 0**

**SOUTHAMPTON 1** (Hall 59)
**OLDHAM 0**

**TOTTENHAM 2** (Nayim 64, Ruddock 73)
**LIVERPOOL 0**

**ASTON VILLA 2** (Saunders 43, Atkinson 79)
**QPR 0**

**CRYSTAL PALACE 1** (McGoldrick 69)
**ARSENAL 2** (Merson 4, Wright 72)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**ARSENAL 3** (Smith 8, Wright 30, Campbell 45)
**COVENTRY 0**

**ASTON VILLA 1** (Atkinson 12)
**MAN UTD 0**

**BLACKBURN 0**
**TOTTENHAM 2** (Howells 67, Sheringham 81 pen)

**CHELSEA 3** (Shaw o.g.4, Stuart 40, Harford 57)
**CRYSTAL PALACE 1** (Young 70)

**IPSWICH TOWN 0**
**SOUTHAMPTON 0**

**LIVERPOOL 4** (Rosenthal 9, 36, McManaman 45, Rush 89)
**MIDDLESBROUGH 1** (Phillips 41)

**MAN CITY 4** (Sheron 12, White 37, Hill 75, Brightwell 80)
**LEEDS UTD 0**

**NOTTM. FOREST 0**
**EVERTON 1** (Rideout 52)

**OLDHAM 2** (Sharp 25,Marshall 43)
**NORWICH 3** (Robins 14, 27, 90)

**WIMBLEDON 0**
**QPR 2** (Allen 23, Wilkins 41)

**SHEFFIELD UTD 1** (Littlejohn 50)
**SHEFFIELD WEDS. 1** (Hirst 83)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MIDWEEK

**COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP — 3RD ROUND**

**WATFORD 2**
**LEEDS UTD 1**

**3RD ROUND REPLAYS**

**WIMBLEDON 0**
**EVERTON 1**

**LIVERPOOL 3**
**SHEFFIELD UTD 0**

**SCARBOROUGH UTD 2**
**PLYMOUTH ARGYLE 1**

## SCOTLAND

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**ABERDEEN 3** (Jess 11, Paatelainen 55, Booth 79)
**FALKIRK 1** (Sloan 18)

**DUNDEE 2** (McEwan 11, Dodds 17)
**AIRDRIE 0**

**HEARTS 1** (Hogg 82)
**DUNDEE UTD 0**

**MOTHERWELL 1** (McCart 44)
**CELTIC 3** (Miller 20, Galloway 66 pen, Grant 82)

**PARTICK THISTLE 1** (Farningham 77)
**ST. JOHNSTONE 0**

**RANGERS 1** (McCoist 81)
**HIBERNIAN 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**ABERDEEN v RANGERS — *postponed***

**CELTIC 2** (Collins 5, McStay 73)
**AIRDRIE 0**

**DUNDEE 0**
**PARTICK THISTLE 2** (Jamieson 35, Cameroon 50)

**FALKIRK 1** (Sloan 62)
**DUNDEE UTD 1** (McInally 9)

**HIBERNIAN 3** (Jackson 15, 69, Weir 66)
**ST. JOHNSTONE 1** (Arkins 70)

**MOTHERWELL 1** (Kirk 86)
**HEARTS 3** (Robertson 18, Martin o.g. 50, Ferguson 67)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**AIRDRIE 1** (Balfour 3)
**ABERDEEN 2** (Sandison o.g. 6, Shearer 59)

**DUNDEE UTD 1** (McInally 81)
**HIBERNIAN 0**

**HEARTS 1** (Baird 71)
**DUNDEE 0**

**PARTICK THISTLE 1** (Britton 72)
**FALKIRK 2** (May 43 pen, Cadette 67)

**RANGERS 4** (McCoist, pen 38, 41, 62, Brown 50)
**MOTHERWELL 2** (Angus 34, Martin 81)

**ST. JOHNSTONE 0**
**CELTIC 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**CELTIC 0**
**RANGERS 1** (Durrant 32)

**DUNDEE 1** (Dodds 59)
**ABERDEEN 2** (Shearer 73, Richardson 89)

**FALKIRK 5** (Drinkell 14, 86, Cadette 41, Lennox 75, May 83)
**AIRDRIE 1** (Kirkwood 26)

**HEARTS 1** (Baird 16)
**HIBERNIAN 0**

**MOTHERWELL 0**
**PARTICK THISTLE 2** (Jamieson 7, Craig 21)

**ST. JOHNSTONE 2** (Wright 54, Arkins 66)
**DUNDEE UTD 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

WEEKEND

**ABERDEEN 2** (Shearer 61, Grant 90)
**MOTHERWELL 0**

**HIBERNIAN 3** (Tortolano 13, Evans 68, Hamilton 89)
**FALKIRK 1** (Lennox 12)

**DUNDEE UTD 1** (Galloway o.g. 41)
**CELTIC 1** (Nicholas 86)

**PARTICK THISTLE 1** (Britton 48)
**HEARTS 1** (McLaren 35)

**AIRDRIE 0**
**ST. JOHNSTONE 2** (Wright 35, 74)

**RANGERS 3** (McCoist 30, 48, Hateley 88)
**DUNDEE 1** (Den Biemen 43)

Ranger . . . McCall tackled by Boyd of Celtic.

THE SPOTLIGHT ON

# Ryan GIGGS

# Learning to be the best

**RYAN GIGGS is one of the most precocious talents to emerge in English soccer for years — already mesmerising defenders at the tender age of 18 with Manchester United.**

But despite starring for the England schoolboys side, when it came to senior international football he decided to play for Wales, a country who have only once qualified for the World Cup finals — in 1958.

Giggs could end up like George Best, the Manchester United hero of the past to whom he is always compared, never playing on the greatest stage in the game. But he says: "I always wanted to play for Wales. I was born there and my family live there still.

"I'm quite patriotic. It's just me, my mother and brother who live in Manchester. All the rest of the family still live in Wales, so I go back to Cardiff as much as I can.

"Mark Hughes and Ian Rush were my heroes and I always wanted to play with them at international level.

"I only played for England schoolboys because I was at school in Salford."

Giggs has yet to make his full debut for Wales, but four substitute appearances before the recent World Cup qualifier in Belgium had proved his potential.

When he came on against the Faroe Islands he immediately created two goals with his trickery on the left wing. Giggs is happy to bide his time at this level, but adds: "I feel ready to start a game now.

"I feel as if I've had enough experience in the first team at United, although internationals are completely different. It's a lot quicker, a lot faster and you are up against class opposition.

"It's not really been frustrating. I've just been pleased to make the squad because we've got a lot of class players. I've been quite happy when I have had the chance to come on. But I've come on fresh for the last 20 minutes or so when the opposition are tired.

"I'll never forget my Welsh debut. I only had five minutes and a couple of touches, but the atmosphere was brilliant. Last season was a big

## PRO-FILE



**RYAN GIGGS**

**MANCHESTER UNITED AND WALES**

**Born:** Cardiff, November 29, 1973.

**Height:** 5' 11".

**Weight:** 10st.

**Previous clubs:** none.

**League debut:** February 26, 1991 v Sheffield United, lost 2-1.

**League appearances:** 54 (7 goals).

**International debut:** October 16, 1991 v Germany, lost 4-0 — youngest ever Welsh cap at 17 years and 289 days old.

**International caps:** 4 (0 goals).

**HONOURS**

**Rumbelows *(League)* Cup:** 1992.

*Correct at 06.11.92*

surprise, getting a regular place in the United first team and being in the Welsh squads. Getting into the Welsh team is my next step."

That should come when Welsh boss Terry Yorath can find a place in his tactical set-up for the brilliant teenager.

At present, with their sweeper system, it is hard for Yorath to accommodate all the talent at his disposal. Already he has to play striker Mark Hughes in midfield behind a front two of Dean Saunders and Ian Rush.

In midfield there is also Leeds United's ever-developing all-rounder Gary Speed and skipper Barry Horne, who provides the necessary bite.

The sweeper system also means the two full-backs push forward, and decreases the need for a winger.

Long term, Giggs may well play in a striking role for Wales, a position he has occasionally filled at club level. Yorath says: "The position he plays wide on the left doesn't really fit in with the pattern of the team at the moment.

"But the way we introduced him against the Faroe Islands was perfect. He has the potential to become a memorable footballer.

"To become a better player he must become more critical of himself. And he's got Rush

## Things were very different for George

and Hughes to keep his feet on the ground."

Giggs will become heartily sick of the inevitable comparisons with George Best.

But he has a stable base living at home with mum, and he tends to avoid the bright lights of the regenerated city of Manchester. He says: "I'm my own player.

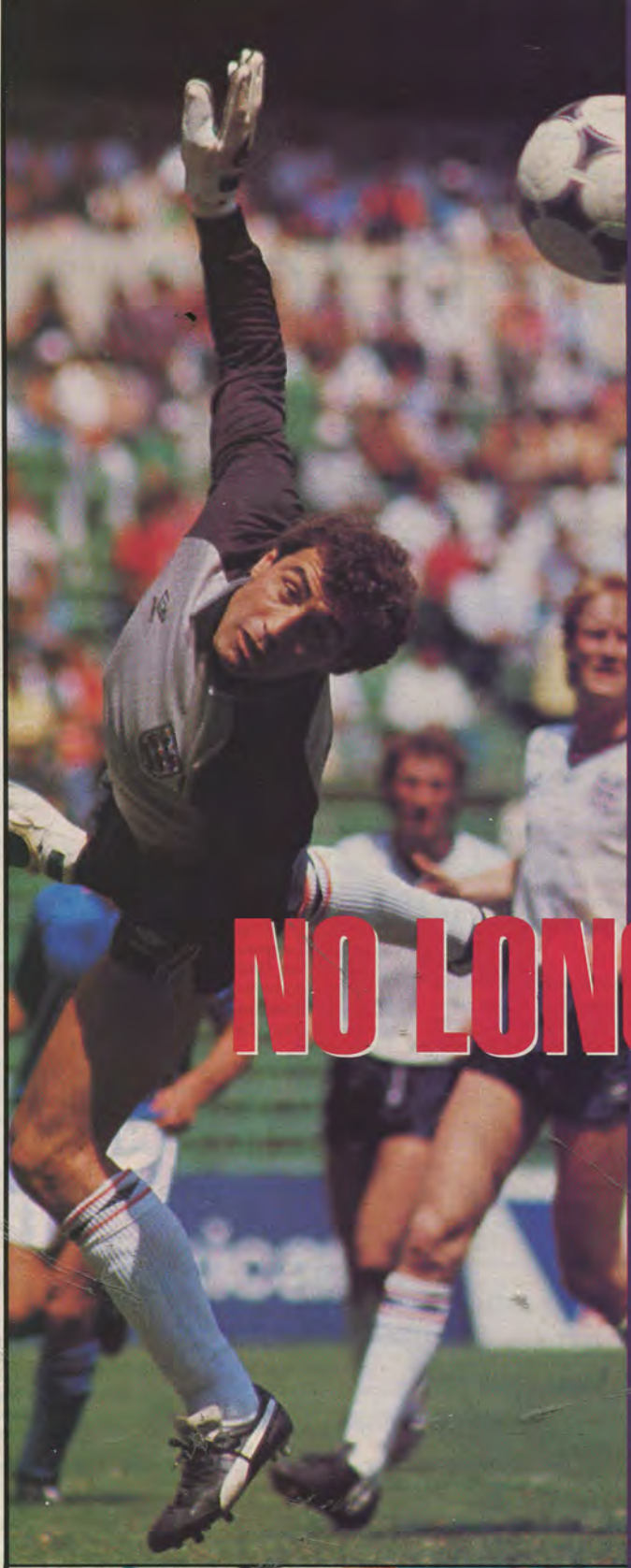
"I don't think I'm anything like George Best apart from my age and the fact I play for United. It was a lot different for George.

"He came over to England on his own, he didn't have as many minders as I've got. And I've got a steady girlfriend. I just try to lead a quiet life."

He could also avoid the Best disappointment of missing World Cup tournaments if Wales can live up to their current potential. Yorath says the current Welsh squad are the best for decades, and certainly they may never have a better chance of qualifying than now.

Wales, despite a disastrous 5-1 defeat away to Romania in their opening Group 4 fixture, are a match at their best for opponents such as Belgium and Czechoslovakia. The 1994 World Cup finals would only be enhanced by the presence of Rush, Hughes, Saunders, Neville Southall and the brilliant young Ryan Giggs.

**JIM HOLDEN**



# NO LONGER No. 1

## Goalkeeping standards are slipping in England

**ANYONE wearing the England goalkeeper's jersey used to be dubbed "the best in the world".**

As statements go it ranks alongside "the English First Division is the best league in the world" as football hyperbole of the worst kind.

Yet the goalkeeping claim was not entirely without foundation. In the 1960s Gordon Banks was established as the world's No. 1, and those who came after him — Peter Shilton (left) and Ray Clemence — were worthy successors.

Chris Woods had to wait a long time before he became England's first choice, but has since proved as reliable as his predecessors. But does Woods mark the end of the production line?

David Seaman of Arsenal has been found to lack true England class. There are still many doubts about Crystal Palace's Nigel Martyn, back-up goalkeeper at Euro '92.

So what of other senior goalkeepers in England's Premier League?

Dave Beasant, formerly a regular international squad member, had such a nightmare time in the opening to Chelsea's season that he was effectively sacked by the club and went on loan to Grimsby. John Lukic was pilloried for mistakes in Leeds United's European forays against Stuttgart and Rangers, although former Leeds and Wales keeper Gary Sprake says: "John is one of Britain's best. The trouble is that people dwell on errors rather than remember the good things."

The present situation is such a contrast to the 1970s and early 1980s when virtually every First Division club had a keeper of international quality. In addition to Shilton and Clemence, there were Phil Parkes, Alan Stevenson, Peter Bonetti, Jimmy Rimmer, Alex Stepney, Joe Corrigan, Paul Cooper, Jim Montgomery and Gary Bailey. And that's only the Englishmen! Pat Jennings (Northern Ireland), David Harvey (Scotland) and Neville Southall (Wales) were on the scene too.

If ever there was a golden era for goalkeepers, that was it. Today, though, the scene is so different. I wonder whether the goalkeeping art in England, like many of the other soccer skills, has fallen behind the rest of the world in the 1990s.

Wembley last May staged a soccer showpiece when Barcelona beat Sampdoria 1-0 in the Champions' Cup final. The spectacular skill from Pagliuca and Zubizarreta simply added to the occasion.

Each is a superb shot-stopper and that is an essential quality to counter the heightened shooting skills so noticeable on mainland Europe, particularly Spain and Italy.

The European Championship in Sweden merely underlined the shift in goalkeeping power, and it's perhaps significant that English clubs — Manchester United with Denmark's Peter Schmeichel, Liverpool with Zimbabwe's Bruce Grobbelaar, QPR with Czech Jan Stejskal (left), Ipswich with Canadian Craig Forrest, Millwall with American Kasey Keller and West Ham with Czech Ludek Miklosko — have had to look abroad for their No. 1 players.

If the much-maligned English game is to change and take a lead from the Continentals, the first area for improvement could be the last line of defence.

And when that day comes, another golden age of English goalkeeping may be upon us.

**BOB MACLEAN**

CANADA from COLIN **JOSE**

# Fury first at last

**WINNIPEG FURY were last in the Canadian Soccer League with only a month of the season to go.**

But thanks to a brawl between Toronto Blizzard and London Lazers, and a remarkable turn-around on the field, Fury became champions for the first time.

The fight between Blizzard and Lazers, with seven players sent off, led to both teams having points deducted, allowing Fury to reach the play-offs. Then they upset North York Rockets, winning a berth in the final against Vancouver 86ers.

Vancouver had won the championship in four of the last five years, but on a bitter Prairie evening, with a fierce wind out of the north, Winnipeg emerged as winners with late goals from Tony Nocita and Kevin Holness.

As a result they entered the second leg of the two-game final with two points, needing only a draw to capture the championship for the first time.

This seemed to be a very difficult task when Canadian international Dale Mitchell scored for Vancouver after three minutes.

The weather was much kinder this time around in Burnaby, just outside Vancouver, and Fury faced an uphill task.

But somehow they survived, and full-back Steve Miller headed in a cross from Holness in the 87th minute to earn a draw and make his club champions.

The national team made a useful start to the World Cup qualifying programme with 1-1 draws against Jamaica and El Salvador, and a 1-0 win over the Jamaicans in the return.

That match, in Toronto, was played on a bitterly cold and windy day, and was decided by a Dale Mitchell header, in his 40th international.

Coach Bobby Lenarduzzi explained the team's cautious approach by saying: "In domestic soccer you play over a long season and can take chances. In a short qualifying series you can't afford to take those chances."

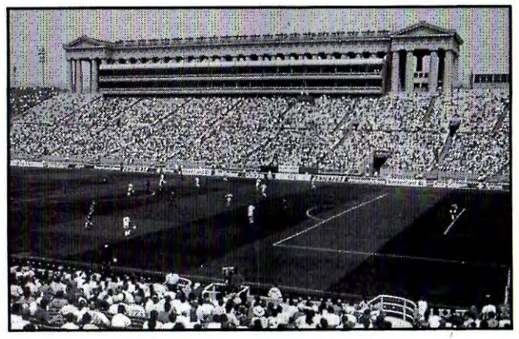
The next match, in El Salvador, was lost 3-2 but the Canadians went back to the top of the group with a 4-2 home win over Bermuda.

● **Two Canadian international strikers have signed for English clubs. Alex Bunbury joined West Ham in a £200,000 deal from Montreal Supra, and Paul Peschisolido went to Birmingham City from Toronto Blizzard for £25,000 following a month's trial.**

# THE DATES AND THE PLACES

## Now all we need is the teams

USA from PAUL **GARDNER**



**WORLD CUP '94 now has its schedule, a complicated spider's web of 52 games that will criss-cross this vast country in the summer of 1994.**

Things get under way at Chicago's Soldier Field (above) on Friday June 17. A month later, on Sunday July 17, the World Cup Final is to be staged in the Los Angeles Rose Bowl.

Of the 29 days between those two events, eight are rest days, with a total of 49 games being played on the other 21 days. If your mathematics tells you that only adds up to 51 games, go to the top of the class.

The "missing" game is on June 17 when, for the first time since 1962, the tournament features more than one game on the opening day: the "real" opener in Chicago, featuring world champions Germany, plus a secondary opening game in Dallas.

**If you can count to 51, go to the top of the class**

The nine cities have been divided, along vaguely geographical lines, into three regions of three cities each. Thus, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit form Region I, Dallas, Chicago and Boston are Region II, and New York/New Jersey, Washington and Orlando make up Region III.

In the first round each region hosts two groups — i.e. eight countries — and stages 12 games, four in each of its three cities.

The system gives an equal spread of games among the cities, and means that each city has two games featuring a seeded team.

Two opening games? Make that three — for the first game that the United States play is an opening of sorts: the first World Cup finals game played indoors, in Detroit's Silverdome. An experiment that the organisers evidently do not wish to press too far, for Detroit stages only four first-round games.

When the second round begins, featuring 16 teams, Detroit disappears from the World Cup map, while each of the other eight venues stages one game.

After that, Orlando, Chicago and Washington are dropped, and the quarter-finals are played in New York, Boston, Dallas and San Francisco.

The absence of Los Angeles is not significant — the city gets three of the remaining four games — one semi-final, plus the third-place game and the final. New York gets the other semi-final.

The climax of World Cup '94 is thus very much a California affair. An anomaly, this.

Of the 52 games, only 14 are in California, six are in Dallas, while an overwhelming 32 are in the eastern third of the United States.

A vision of downtown Los Angeles as a cauldron of World Cup excitement at the end of July 94 is difficult to conjure up.

The first problem is to find downtown Los Angeles.

But then the whole idea of a World Cup centred in California made sense only to the United States Soccer Federation's president, Alan Rothenberg, and Chuck Cale, the man he picked in 1990 to run the event. Both live in Los Angeles.

Cale has since been fired and Rothenberg now runs the World Cup with one hand, while using the other to continue working for his law firm. Which is conveniently located in Los Angeles.

But the decision to boost Los Angeles brought with it the fear that it might not be possible to fill the 100,000 seat Rose Bowl for the first-round games.

A fear that brought the only answer: have the US play there.

Kick-off times have been announced, sort of. All games start at either 12.30 or 16.00 or 19.30 — New York time.

Which means 19.30, 21.00 or 00.30 in England, an hour later in western Europe.

## WORLD CUP 1994

**FIRST ROUND**
**June 17-June 30**
**REGION I** (Hosting Group A & Group B)
**Venues:**
Los Angeles (Rose Bowl)
San Francisco (Stanford Stadium)
Detroit (Silverdome)

**Group A** (seeded team, A1 = US)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| June 18 | A1 v A2 | Detroit |
| June 18 | A3 v A4 | Los Angeles |
| June 22 | A1 v A3 | Los Angeles |
| June 22 | A4 v A2 | Detroit |
| June 26 | A1 v A4 | Los Angeles |
| June 26 | A2 v A3 | San Francisco |

**Group B**

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| June 19 | B3 v B4 | Los Angeles |
| June 20 | B1 v B2 | San Francisco |
| June 24 | B1 v B3 | San Francisco |
| June 24 | B2 v B4 | Detroit |
| June 28 | B2 v B3 | San Francisco |
| June 28 | B1 v B4 | Detroit |

**REGION II** (Hosting Group C & Group D)
**Venues:**
Chicago (Soldier Field)
Boston (Foxboro Stadium)
Dallas (Cotton Bowl)

**Group C** (seeded team, C1 = Germany)

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| June 17 | C1 v C2 | Chicago |
| June 17 | C3 v C4 | Dallas |
| June 21 | C1 v C3 | Chicago |
| June 23 | C4 v C2 | Boston |
| June 27 | C2 v C3 | Chicago |
| June 27 | C1 v C4 | Dallas |

**Group D**

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| June 21 | D1 v D2 | Boston |
| June 21 | D3 v D4 | Dallas |
| June 25 | D1 v D3 | Boston |
| June 26 | D4 v D2 | Chicago |
| June 30 | D2 v D3 | Boston |
| June 30 | D1 v D4 | Dallas |

**REGION III** (Hosting Group E & Group F)
**Venues:**
New York/New Jersey (Giants Stadium)
Orlando (Citrus Bowl)
Washington DC (RFK Stadium)

**Group E**

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| June 18 | E1 v E2 | New York |
| June 19 | E3 v E4 | Washington |
| June 23 | E1 v E3 | New York |
| June 24 | E4 v E2 | Orlando |
| June 28 | E2 v E3 | New York |
| June 28 | E1 v E4 | Washington |

**Group F**

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| June 19 | F1 v F2 | Orlando |
| June 20 | F3 v F4 | Washington |
| June 25 | F4 v F2 | New York |
| June 25 | F1 v F3 | Orlando |
| June 29 | F2 v F3 | Orlando |
| June 29 | F1 v F4 | Washington |

**SECOND ROUND**
(Winners and second place teams from each group, plus the four best third-place teams).

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| July 2 | #4 | 1C v 3A/B/F | Chicago |
| July 2 | #6 | 2C v 2A | Washington |
| July 3 | #1 | 1A v 3C/D/E | Los Angeles |
| July 3 | #2 | 2F v 2B | Dallas |
| July 4 | #8 | 1B v 3A/C/D | San Francisco |
| July 4 | #7 | 1F v 2E | Orlando |
| July 5 | #5 | 1D v 3B/E/F | Boston |
| July 5 | #3 | 1E v 2D | New York |

**QUARTER-FINALS**

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| July 9 | #C | W5 v W6 | Boston |
| July 9 | #D | W7 v W8 | Dallas |
| July 10 | #A | W1 v W2 | San Francisco |
| July 10 | #B | W3 v W4 | New York |

**SEMI-FINALS**

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| July 13 | #E | WA v WD | Los Angeles |
| July 13 | #F | WB v WC | New York |

**THIRD PLACE**

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| July 16 | LE v LF | Los Angeles |

**FINAL**

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| July 17 | WE v WF | Los Angeles |




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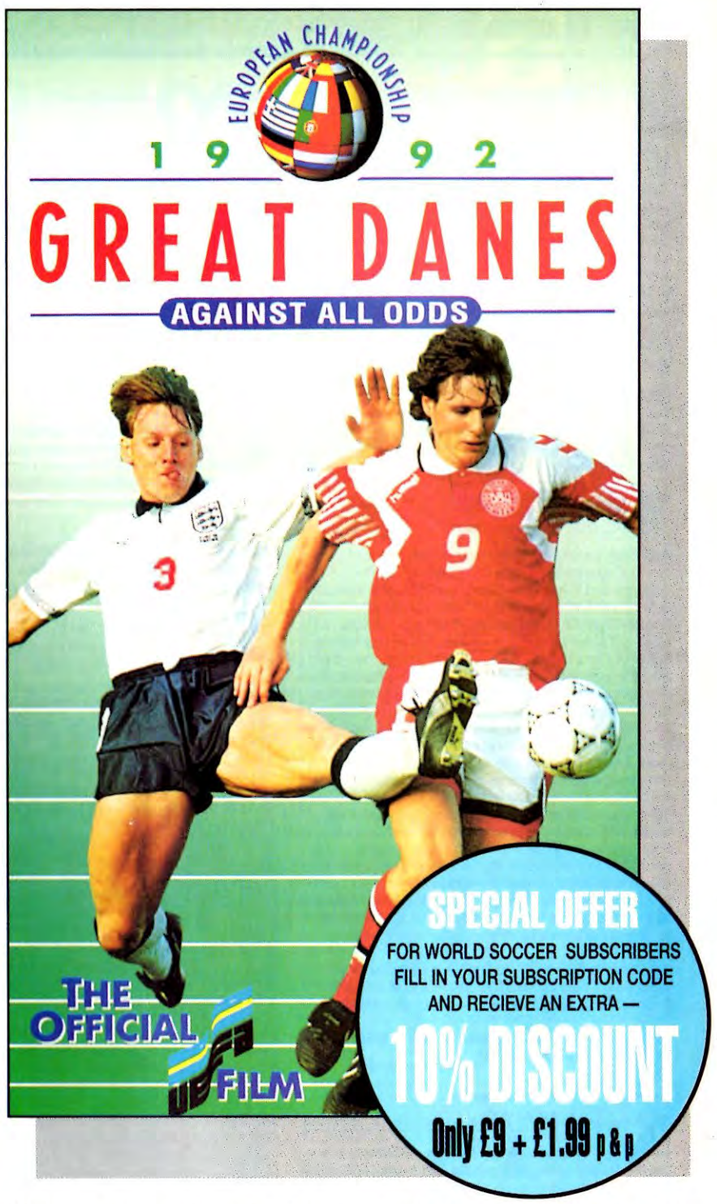


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# DIARY



## 17 October
SATURDAY

**ACTION:** HJK of Helsinki beat MyPa 2-0 on the last day of the Finnish league season to be crowned champions three points clear of Kuusysi Lahti and Jazz Pori . . . French champions Marseille go down 1-0 at home to Nantes . . . Stefan Beckenbauer, son of Franz, helps Saarbrucken hold his father's old club, Bayern Munich, to a 1-1 draw . . . three players are sent off as Sporting Lisbon ease pressure on Bobby Robson by defeating Benfica 2-0 . . . Moscow Spartak beat local rivals Lokomotiv 4-1 to secure the first Russian League title with two weeks still to go . . . European Champions Barcelona go down 1-0 to Spanish leaders La Coruna.

**ITALY:** Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino complains that FIFA forced them to sell Diego Maradona to Sevilla. He says Maradona had demanded a one-off fee of £4million to play out the remaining season of his Napoli contract.

## 18 October
SUNDAY

**ACTION:** Cameroon beat Swaziland 5-0 in an African World Cup qualifier. In the CONCACAF qualifiers, Jamaica and Canada draw 1-1 and Bermuda beat El Salvador 1-0 with a goal from Kyle Lightbourne, of the English Third Division club Scarborough . . . AEK Athens (1-0 away to Pierikos) and Olympiakos (2-0 at home to Doxa Drama) both win to maintain their joint leadership of the Greek championship . . . Ajax lose Marciano Vink (sent off) and goalkeeper Stanley Menzo (injured) in a 3-1 win over Cambuur . . . Milan score a thrilling 5-3 win over Lazio with two goals from Marco Van Basten to equal the 40-match unbeaten record set by Fiorentina in 1955-56 . . . Rosenborg Trondheim thrash runners-up Kongsvinger 6-0 to win the Norwegian championship with a six-point advantage . . . Porto stay top in Portugal after a 4-1 defeat of Espinho . . . Real Madrid win 3-0 away to Logrones to move up into fourth place in Spain, three points behind leaders La Coruna and one point behind Bilbao and Atletico Madrid. Atletico draw 1-1 at home to Gijon thanks to a "Hand of God" goal from Mexican striker Luis Garcia. Atletico striker Manolo is sent off for a second bookable offence after only 23 minutes.

**ENGLAND:** Cardiff City's financial controller Rick Wright says he may take the club out of the English Football League and into the new League of Wales.

**HOLLAND:** Feyenoord appeal for fans to stop racist chanting, slogans and songs.

## 19 October
MONDAY

**ACTION:** The United States beat Ivory Coast 5-2 in the third place match at the King Fahd Intercontinental Cup in Riyadh.

## 20 October
TUESDAY

**ACTION:** Argentina easily beat Saudi Arabia 3-1 to win the King Fahd Intercontinental Cup . . . second round action in the European club cups begins in the UEFA Cup with Borussia Dortmund beating Celtic 1-0, Kaiserslautern defeating Sheffield Wednesday 3-1, with England striker ***David Hirst (right),*** sent off, and Juventus win 1-0 away to Panathinaikos thanks to a goal from David Platt . . . Lazio win the Capital Cup against Tottenham through a 2-0 win at White Hart Lane in the second leg of the Paul Gascoigne transfer match deal.

**ETHIOPIA:** Six members of the national team "go missing" during a stopover in Rome as the squad awaited a connecting flight to Morocco.

**ITALY:** Tomas Brolin, recovering from knee surgery, signs a five year contract extension with Parma.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** National coach Stanley Tshabalala is suspended by the federation after an altercation with a critical journalist.

**UNITED STATES:** The World Cup organisers sort out the arrangement of dates for the 1994 finals. Germany will open their defence of the World Cup in Chicago.

## 21 October
WEDNESDAY

**ACTION:** The majority of the European club second round first leg ties are staged. Most notably, Sparta Prague win 3-2 away to holders Werder Bremen in the Cup-winners' Cup while, in the UEFA Cup, Napoli crash, surprisingly, 2-0 at home to Paris Saint-Germain.

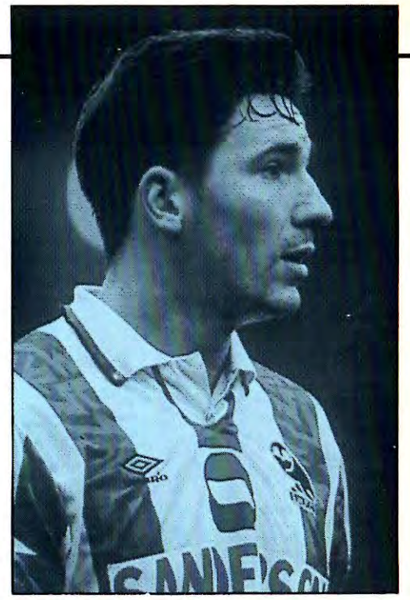
**ITALY:** Best friends Brian Laudrup and Stefan Effenberg are suspended for one match by the disciplinary commission after cautions for dissent in the weekend game at Pescara.

## 22 October
THURSDAY

**ACTION:** Croatia beat Mexico 3-0 in a friendly in Zagreb . . . Graeme Souness is in trouble with the referee and goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar is sent off as Liverpool lose 4-2 away to Moscow Spartak in the Cup-winners' Cup.

**FRANCE:** Marseille defender Basile Boli is banned for four league games for an off-the-ball incident involving Monaco's German forward Jurgen Klinsmann.

**UNITED STATES:** Striker is voted in as the name for the 1994 World Cup mascot. More than 25,000 Americans voted in the competition whose winning entry was announced at Mann's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood.



## 23 October
FRIDAY

**GERMANY:** The DFB announces a tightening-up of rules and regulations relating to dope tests. Now the tests will be carried out not only in First and Second Division games at random but in pre-season matches and in non-league friendlies.

**RUSSIA:** The CIS' European Championship team starts breaking up. Top target is goalkeeper Dimitri Kharin, for whose signature Chelsea are competing.

**SPAIN:** Diego Maradona agrees to make a guest appearance for Bayern Munich in a scheduled friendly against Lazio . . . Bernd Schuster, having just celebrated his 300th Spanish league appearance, agrees to extend his contract until the end of next season.

**SWITZERLAND:** Young Boys are ready to sell Norwegian Lars Bohinen home to Lillestrom.

## 24 October
SATURDAY

**ACTION:** In the African World Cup qualifiers, South Africa ran up a first victory (by 1-0 over Congo) . . . Zamorano and Butragueno are on target as Real Madrid beat Bilbao 2-0 . . . German leaders Bayern Munich suffer their first home defeat of the season, by 3-1 against Werder Bremen.

## 25 October
SUNDAY

**ACTION:** In the World Cup qualifiers, Malta and Estonia draw 0-0 in Valletta, while El Salvador are held 1-1 at home by Canada. A string of African qualifiers includes a 4-1 win for Egypt away to Togo . . . in Belgium Standard Liege win 5-2 away to Cercle to stay joint top with Anderlecht . . . while pursuers Olympiakos and Panathinaikos slip a respective two and five points behind in the championship race . . . Rangers beat Aberdeen 2-1 after extra time in the Scottish League Cup Final . . . Rosenborg complete the Norwegian double by defeating Lillestrom 3-2 in the Cup final.

## 26 October
MONDAY

**BELGIUM:** Kennet Andersson is the subject now of a serious bid from English first division leaders Newcastle.

**ITALY:** Pescara call for a replay of the previous day's 4-3 defeat by Genoa in a Serie A match after Genoa forward Igor Dobrovolski is shown the yellow card twice without his being sent off.

**TEAM of the MONTH**

**MILAN . . . for overtaking Fiorentina's record of more than 40 matches unbeaten in the Italian championship.**

## 27 October
TUESDAY

**ACTION:** The European under-21 event brings wins for Turkey, Russia and Israel.

**BRUSSELS:** The European Community's Commission rules that the distribution for ticket sales and package tours set up by the Italian World Cup organisers in 1990 infringed EC rules on free competition.

**ENGLAND:** Liverpool manager Graeme Souness is barred from the touchline for five matches by UEFA for insulting the referee in the away defeat by Moscow Spartak in the Cup-winners' Cup.

**GERMANY:** Match of the Season So Far ends in a 1-1 draw between Eintracht Frankfurt and Bayern Munich.

**ITALY:** Napoli ask FIFA to suspend the Maradona transfer because they have yet to receive the first payment due from Sevillla.

**MEXICO:** Cesar Menotti quits as national manager of Mexico in the wake of a coup within the federation aimed at replacing president Francisco Ibarra, the man who hired him.

## 28 October
WEDNESDAY

**ACTION:** World Cup qualifying action sees victories to celebrate for Turkey, Russia and Austria. Lithuania draw 1-1 with Baltic neighbours Latvia and Belorussia draw 1-1 with Ukraine.

**AUSTRALIA:** Australia and New Zealand agree dates for their CONCACAF World Cup play-offs next year: May 29-30 in New Zealand and the following weekend in Australia.

**BELGIUM:** Veteran former international Jan Ceulemans is appointed coach to Second Division Aalst.

**FRANCE:** Basile Boli's suspension is reduced, on appeal, from four matches to three.

**ITALY:** Milan, Inter, Juventus, Roma, Torino, Napoli and Lazio all successfully ease into the quarter-finals of the Cup . . . Brazil's ***Alemao (left)*** is suspended for one game for his role in the incident with Paul Gascoigne which sparked mayhem at the match against Roma. Roma's Ruggiero Rizzitelli is banned for two games for arguing with a linesman.

**MEXICO:** Cesar Menotti withdraws his resignation as national manager after federation president Ibarra returns from a business trip abroad to regain control.

**NORWAY:** Double-winners Rosenborg Trondheim agree the sale of defender Stig Inge Bjornbye to Liverpool for £500,000, work permit permitting.

**PORTUGAL:** Benfica dismiss coach Tomislav Ivic in the wake of both defeat by neighbours Sporting and squabbles among the players, particularly the three former Soviet internationals Mostovoi, Yuran and Kulkov.

**SPAIN:** Barcelona beat Atletico Madrid 3-1 in the first leg of the Supercup . . . the FEF opens an inquiry into admissions by Tenerife players that they were paid bonuses by an unknown third party to win their league title-deciding match against Real Madrid on the last day of last season. Barcelona, who benefited from Tenerife's victory to become champions, deny they offered the reported £140,000.

**SWITZERLAND:** FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter hints that sudden death might replace penalty shoot-outs and three points for a win might be used in the first round of the 1994 World Cup finals. Blatter says: "We must do all we can to make soccer more attractive."

## 29 October
THURSDAY

**ACTION:** The finals of the Asian Cup open in Hiroshima, Japan, with defending title-holders Saudi Arabia being held 1-1 by China. Also in Group B, Qatar draw 1-1 with Thailand.

**HOLLAND:** Ajax president Michael Van Praag forecasts that, if the club have to sell Dennis Bergkamp at the season's end, the fee will be a world record, approaching £20million.

## 30 October
FRIDAY

**FRANCE:** Title-chasing Paris Saint-Germain surprisingly lose 3-2 at home to Nimes. PSG fans jeer Laurent Blanc throughout the match sine he turned down a transfer to Paris at the start of the season.

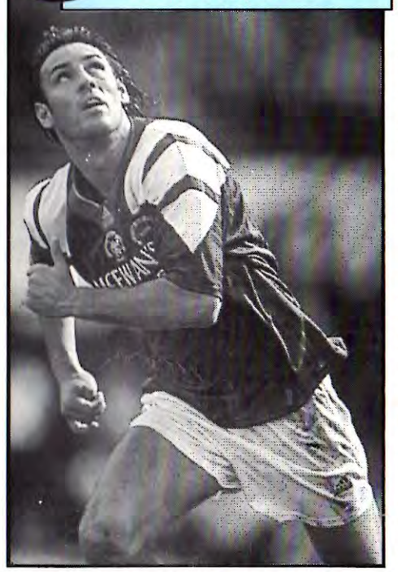
**SPAIN:** Barcelona boss Johan Cruyff claims Dennis Bergkamp is most likely to join the Spanish champions on leaving Ajax. Cruyff's words apparently surprise some of his own directors.

## 31 October
SATURDAY

**ACTION:** Bayern Munich regain lost ground in Germany with an excellent 3-2 win away to champions Stuttgart . . . Nantes stay top in France despite losing 1-0 away to Saint-Etienne . . . Benfica put a bad week behind them and, under caretaker coach Toni, beat cup-holders Boavista 2-0 in Lisbon with goals from Isaias and Schwarz . . . Real Madrid win 1-0 away to Zaragoza, Barcelona win 2-1 away to Logrones.

**PLAYER of the MONTH**

**MARK HATELEY . . . for the way he took apart the Leeds defence for Rangers in the Champions' Cup, scoring one spectacular goal and creating another for Ally McCoist.**



**SWITZERLAND:** Grasshopper take Ajax's Ron Willems on trial. He knows coach Leo Beenhakker from their time together in Amsterdam.

## 1 November
SUNDAY

**ACTION:** In the World Cup's CONCACAF section El Salvador beat Bermuda 4-1, Canada beat Jamaica 1-0 . . . Boca Juniors stay top in Argentina despite a goalless draw with Newell's Old Boys . . . none of the three weekend matches in the Rio de Janeiro championship produce a goal and crowds continue to slump, with only 5,000 watching Vasco da Gama against Americano . . . a last-minute goal brings PSV a 2-1 victory over FC Twente . . . Italian champions Milan drop their first point of the season, being held goalless by Torino even though Torino have defender Mussi sent off on the hour. Roma lose at home to Brescia and have skipper Giuseppe Giannini sent off . . . La Coruna stay top in Spain thanks to a narrow 2-1 win over Gijon. Valencia ease the pressure on coach Guus Hiddink with a 5-0 defeat of Burgos.

## 2 November
MONDAY

**ACTION:** Saudi Arabia get into their stride in the Asian Cup, beating Thailand 4-0 to signal their determination of winning the trophy for a third successive edition. Victory ensures Saudi Arabia, along with China from Group B, places in the semi-finals of the tournament in Hiroshima.

**ENGLAND:** Manchester United give trials to Zimbabwean Adam Ndlovu (brother of Coventry's new star Peter) as well as to Norway striker Tore Andre Dahlum.

**ITALY:** Milan skipper and sweeper Franco Baresi ends his 32-day retirement from the national team, to the huge relief of federation officials, coach Arrigo Sacchi, fans and fellow players. Baresi says: "I wanted a break but I didn't realise I would miss the national team so much. Playing for your country is the greatest honour for any player." . . . Lazio's Thomas Doll is reported to the FIGC disciplinary commission for publicly criticising referee Roberto Boggi after the 0-0 draw with Udinese.

## 3 November
TUESDAY

**ACTION:** Celtic lose 2-1 at home and 3-1 on aggregate to Dortmund in the UEFA Cup. Romanian striker Dorin Mateut scores a hat-trick and collects a knee injury as Zaragoza thrash Frem Copenhagen 5-1 in the same event.

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## WHAT'S ON

**DECEMBER**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**
**World Cup qualifier, Europe Group 6:** Israel v Bulgaria.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**
**World Cup qualifiers, CONCACAF 2nd round, Group B:** Bermuda v Canada (Hamilton), El Salvador v Jamaica (San Salvador).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**
**Champions' Cup group matches, 2nd series. UEFA Cup 3rd rnd, 2nd leg.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**
**World Cup qualifiers, CONCACAF 2nd round, Group A:** Costa Rica v St Vincent, Honduras v Mexico. **World Club Cup:** Barcelona v Sao Paulo (Tokyo).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16**
**World Cup qualifiers, Europe Group 2:** Turkey v Holland. **Group 3:** Spain v Latvia. **International:** Brazil v Germany.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**
**World Cup qualifiers, Europe Group 1:** Malta v Italy. **Africa Group G:** Gabon v Senegal. **Group H:** Tanzania v Namibia.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**
**World Cup qualifiers, Africa Group A:** Ghana v Algeria. **Group B:** Swaziland v Liberia, Zaire v Cameroon. **Group C:** Angola v Togo, Zimbabwe v Egypt. **Group D:** Congo v Nigeria. **Group E:** Botswana v Niger. **Group F:** Ethiopia v Benin, Tunisia v Morocco. **Group H:** Madagascar v Zambia. **Group I:** Guinea v Kenya. **International:** Uruguay v Germany (Montevideo).

## 4 NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY

**ACTION:** The second round second leg ties of the three European competitions bring the eliminations of the holders of both the Champions' Cup and the Cup-winners' Cup. Werder Bremen, in the CWC, lose 1-0 away to Sparta Prague, having already gone down 3-2 at home. But the big shock of the night is in Catalonia where Barcelona seize an early two-goal lead over CSKA Moscow then throw away both match and tie, losing 3-2 and 4-3 on aggregate. Johan Cruyff, for once, has no comment.

**ITALY:** Roma skipper Giuseppe Giannini is banned for two games after his weekend expulsion, thus wrecking his hopes of a national team comeback for the time being.

**MEXICO:** Local newspapers report national coach Cesar Menotti having problems with the tax authorities. Menotti denies any problems and says he wants to concentrate on the forthcoming weekend World Cup group opener against St. Vincent. The reports are seen as part of the "dirty war" between sections of the media and the regime of football federation president Ibarra.

**UNITED STATES:** Olympic Games forward Cobi Jones signs for German club Koln.

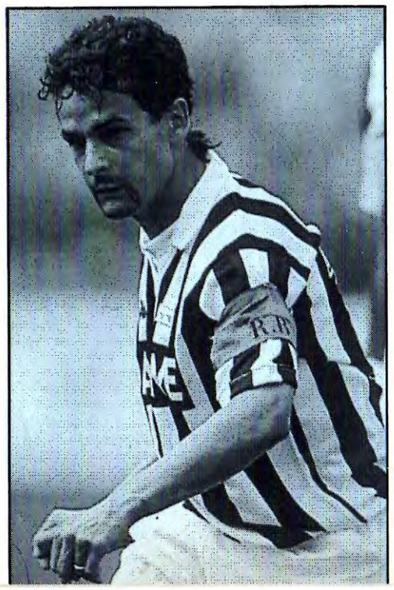
## 5 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY

**AUSTRIA:** Admira protest to UEFA that the goal frames at Antwerp, where they were eliminated from the Cup-winners' Cup, were 2cm too narrow.

**ENGLAND:** Manager Graham Taylor names QPR striker ***Les Ferdinand (above right)*** in his squad for the World Cup tie against Turkey. Ferdinand once played for Turkish champions Besiktas, scoring 21 goals in 33 matches over two seasons plus one goal in the club's 1989 Cup Final success. There is no place for Mark Hateley, English star of the previous evening's defeat of Leeds by Rangers.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
**Dino Baggio,** defender with Juventus and Italy, is NO relation to national team and club-mate Roberto.

**SPAIN:** Barcelona sources deny speculation , rife throughout the day, that Johan Cruyff has quit or been dismissed in the wake of the shock defeat by CSKA. Local newspapers call it "the club's most disastrous evening."



## 6 November
FRIDAY

**SWITZERLAND:** The draw for the Champions League section of the European Cup goes ahead in Geneva. Group A matches Rangers with Brugge, CSKA Moscow and Marseille. In Group B are Milan, Porto, IFK Gothenburg and PSV Eindhoven. The draw for the quarter-finals of the Cup-winners' Cup is: Sparta Prague v Parma, Olympiakos Piraeus v Atletico Madrid, Steaua v Antwerp or Admira, Feyenoord v Moscow Spartak. The draw for the third round of the UEFA Cup is: Ajax v Kaiserslautern, Borussia Dortmund v Zaragoza, Paris Saint-Germain v Anderlecht, Standard Liege v Auxerre, Moscow Dynamo v Benfica, Roma v Galatasaray, Vitesse Arnhem v Real Madrid, Sigma Olomouc v Juventus.

## 7 November
SATURDAY

**ACTION:** FK Austria beat Admira 3-2 to pull level with Innsbruck (held 3-3 at home by Linzer ASK) at the top of the Austrian autumn championship . . . Standard Liege are surprisingly beaten 3-1 at home by Waregem, leaving Anderlecht as sole leaders of the Belgian league . . . no change in France, with top clubs Nantes, Paris SG and Marseille all held to draws . . . Werder Bremen beat Borussia Dortmund 2-0 in the German Cup but holders Hannover go down 4-3 to the part-timers of Hertha Berlin after leading 2-0 . . . Wim Kieft scores a hat-trick as PSV beat Fortuna Sittard 5-0 . . . Barcelona recover from their midweek upset by defeating Bilbao 2-1 in Nou Camp.

## 8 November
SUNDAY

**ACTION:** CONCACAF qualifiers continue in the World Cup with victories for Honduras, Jamaica, El Salvador and Mexico . . . Japan beat defending title-holders Saudi Arabia 1-0 in the Final of the Asian Cup . . . the Rio league match between Vasco da Gama and Olaria kicks off half an hour late after a row about which team should wear their change strip. Olaria, the home team, eventually lose both the argument and then the match by 1-0 . . . Marco Van Basten scores four times in Milan's 5-1 win away to struggling Napoli while Juventus' ***Roberto Baggio (above)*** scores four of his own in a 5-1 victory over Udinese. Genoa coach Bruno Giorgi quits after the home defeat by Cagliari . . . Benfica lose 1-0 away to Porto in the day's top match. Romanian Daniel Timofte scores an 85th-minute winner in the Oporto fog.

## 9 November
MONDAY

**BELGIUM:** Anderlecht striker Luc Nilis is recalled for the World Cup qualifier against Wales to the exclusion of Standard's Alain Bettagno.

**CANADA:** World Cup striker Alex Bunbury signs for English First Division club West Ham.

**ENGLAND:** Ukraine utility player Yuri Nikiferov goes on trial at Leeds.

**JAPAN:** The ubiquitious Franz Beckenbauer signs a four-year contract as football consultant to Red Diamonds Mitsubishi of the new J league.

**SPAIN:** Sevilla say they are confident the monies due to Napoli as down-payment on the Maradona transfer will be presented.

**URUGUAY:** Representatives of clubs and players agree an end to a month-long strike which has cancelled all league action.

## 10 November
TUESDAY

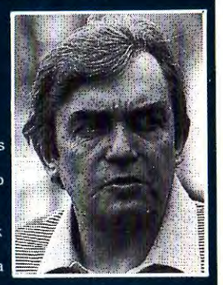
**ACTION:** In the European under-21s, Greece beat Hungary 2-1 and Israel draw 1-1 with Sweden.

**GERMANY:** National boss Berti Vogts calls on FIFA and UEFA to take action to prevent Italian clubs hoarding star players.

**ITALY:** Claudio Ranieri quits as Napoli coach, to be replaced by Ottavio Bianchi, who guided Napoli to the championship in 1987 in partnership (of sorts) with Diego Maradona . . . Franco Baresi, predictably, returns to the Italy squad for the World Cup tie in Scotland.

**SPAIN:** Only 5,000 turn out in Seville to see a "prestige" friendly between Maradona/Sevilla and Gascoigne/Lazio end in a 1-1 draw. Gascoigne scores a superb goal, Maradona hits the bar.

# OBITUARY



**ERNST HAPPEL . . .** one of the world's top coaches, Austrian national manager, dies in Austria after long illness aged 66.

Happel joined Rapid Vienna at 13, making his debut in wartime football and returning to the club to give honorable service at centre back or full-back after fighting on the Eastern Front. He was a key member of an excellent national team in the early 1950s alongside Ernst Ocwirk, Walter Zeman and Gerhard Hanappi. In 1954 Happel moved to France with Racing Paris for two years then returned to Vienna to see out his career with Rapid. He once scored a Champions' Cup hat-trick against Real Madrid with two free kicks and a penalty. Rapid would have won on away goals but such allowances did not exist in the 1950s and Madrid won a play-off.

Happel ended his playing career at the 1958 World Cup finals in Sweden. A practical joker as a player, he was just the opposite as coach — earning a reputation as a tough disciplinarian in a hugely successful new career which brought Champions' Cup success with Feyenoord and Hamburg, a World Club Cup with Feyenoord, championships in four countries with Innsbruck, Brugge, Feyenoord and Hamburg, and another Dutch Cup with Den Haag. At national team level, Happel took over Holland after their qualification for the 1978 World Cup in Argentina and guided them, amid some controversy, to the Final. Only the width of a post, near the end of regular time, denied Holland victory before they went down in extra time to Argentina. Happel returned to national team duty with Austria for the current World Cup qualifiers. His last match in charge was the 5-2 victory over Israel on October 28.

**ANTONIO CORDEIRO**, goalkeeper with Marilia in the Brazilian Sao Paulo state championship, dies aged 20 after being knocked unconscious in a collision with an opponent during a game.

**VACLAV JIRA**, a UEFA vice-president and Czechoslovakia's top official, dies at 71. Jira, president of the Czechoslovak Federation, was an international midfielder with Bohemians of Prague in the immediate post-war years.

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**THURSDAY 3 DECEMBER**
**8.30 & 12.00** INDOOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
**9.00 .....** WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS — CYPRUS v ROMANIA & ISRAEL v BELGIUM

**FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER**
**12.30 ...** 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS — CYPRUS v ROMANIA & ISRAEL v BELGIUM.
**4.00 .....** INDOOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER**
**9.00 .....** FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CUPS

**THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER**
**11.00 & 8.15** . FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CUPS

**FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER**
**12.30 ...** FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CUPS

**SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER**
**1.30 .....** FOOTBALL: EUROPEAN CUPS

**WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**
**9.00 .....** WORLD CLUB CUP in Tokyo

**THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER**
**11.00 ...** WORLD CLUB CUP

**FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER**
**11.00 & 7.00** 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS
**4.00 .....** WORLD CLUB CUP

**THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER**
**9.00 .....** 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS: — MALTA v ITALY

**FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER**
**11.00 ...** 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS: MALTA v ITALY
**12.00 ...** THE BEST OF CWC FINALS

**SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER**
**12.00 ...** THE BEST OF ECC FINALS

## SKY SPORTS

**REGULAR PROGRAMMES:**
**SOCCER NEWS** — Monday 18.00 & 22.00, Tuesday 18.00, Wednesday 18.00 & 22.00, Thursday 18.00.
**GERMAN LEAGUE FOOTBALL** — Monday 07.00, Tuesday 23.00, Wednesday 09.30, Thursday 22.30, Friday 13.00, Sunday 19.00.
**FOOTBALLERS' FOOTBALL SHOW** — Tuesday 21.00, Wednesday 13.00.
**NETBUSTERS** — Thursday 19.30, Friday 08.00, 12.30 & 23.30, Sunday 11.30.
**THE BOOT ROOM** — Thursday 20.30, Friday 09.30 & 17.00, Saturday 10.00.
**SKY SOCCER WEEKEND** — Friday 18.00 & 22.30, Saturday 11.00.
**EURO LEAGUE ROUND-UP** — Saturday 21.30, Sunday 21.30.
**GAME OF BILLIONS** (documentary series) — starts on Tuesday 15 December at 16.00 and continues at the same time on each following Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday. The final part is on Thursday 31 December.
**GOALS ON SUNDAY** — Sunday 10.00.

**REPEAT PERFORMANCES:**
● Monday night's live match is repeated at 23.30 on Monday, with highlights at 07.00 & 13.00 on Tuesday.
● Sunday afternoon's match is repeated (highlights) at 23.30 on Sunday and 13.00 on Monday.
● The Club Show features a different club each Wednesday at 23.03 and is repeated on Wednesday at 02.30, Thursday at 17.30, Friday at 8.00 & Sunday at 11.00.

**TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER**
**07.00 ...** MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — Crystal Palace v Arsenal

**WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER**
**23.03 ...** THE CLUB SHOW — BLACKBURN

**SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER**
**19.00 ...** FA CUP FOOTBALL — LIVE

**SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER**
**13.00 ...** SUPER SUNDAY — FA CUP SECOND ROUND, LIVE (repeated at 22.00)
**15.30 ...** SUPER SUNDAY — MAN UNITED v MAN CITY — LIVE

**MONDAY 7 DECEMBER**
**09.30 ...** EUROPEAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP
**19.00 ...** MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — LIVE: Everton v Liverpool.

**WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER**
**22.03 ...** THE CLUB SHOW — SOUTHAMPTON

**SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER**
**16.00 ...** SUPER SUNDAY — LIVERPOOL v BLACKBURN ROVERS — LIVE

**MONDAY 14 DECEMBER**
**19.00 ...** MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — LIVE

**TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER**
**19.00 ...** FA CUP FOOTBALL — LIVE — SECOND ROUND REPLAY
**21.30 ...** THE FOOTBALLERS' FOOTBALL SHOW
**23.30 ...** GERMAN LEAGUE FOOTBALL

**WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER**
**09.30 ...** FA CUP FOOTBALL — Highlights of last night's Second Round Replay.
**19.00 ...** WORLD CUP FOOTBALL — LIVE: TURKEY v HOLLAND (highlights at 24.30).
**22.03 ...** THE CLUB SHOW — SHEFFIELD UTD

**THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER**
**09.30 & 14.00 .....** WORLD CUP FOOTBALL — TURKEY v HOLLAND.

**SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER**
**16.00 ...** SUPER SUNDAY — CRYSTAL PALACE v LEEDS UNITED — LIVE.

**MONDAY 21 DECEMBER**
**19.00 ...** MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — LIVE: NORWICH v IPSWICH.

**WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER**
**09.30 ...** THE FOOTBALLERS' FOOTBALL SHOW
**22.03 ...** THE CLUB SHOW — ARSENAL

**FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER**
**20.00 ...** GOAL — THE FIFA QUIZ — Two teams, each with one football fan and one soccer celebrity, answer questions on the World Cup.
**23.00 ...** SKY SOCCER WEEKEND

**SATURDAY 26 DECEMBER**
**16.30 ...** SUPER SUNDAY EXTRA — Liverpool v Oldham Athletic.

**SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER**
**11.30 ...** GOAL — THE FIFA QUIZ
**24.00 ...** GOALS ON SUNDAY

**MONDAY 28 DECEMBER**
**19.00 ...** MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL — LIVE: Aston Villa v Arsenal

**THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER**
**01.00 ...** THE BOOT ROOM

## SUPERSPORT

**REGULAR PROGRAMMES:**
**TOP MATCH FOOTBALL** (from Spain, Holland and Portugal) — Monday 16.30, Tuesday 11.30, Sunday 21.00.
**FOOTBALL EUROPA** (goals and news from European leagues) — Monday, 21.30, Tuesday 16.30, Wednesday 08.00.
**FOOTBALL HOLLAND** — Thursday 20.30, Friday 7.30 & 17.30.
**FUTBOL ESPANOL** — Thursday 21.00, Friday 15.30.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 7**
**20.30 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Semi-final

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 11**
**13.30 ...** FOOTBALL EUROPA

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 12**
**18.30 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Semi-final

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 13**
**07.00 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Semi-final

**MONDAY DECEMBER 14**
**20.30 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Final

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16**
**10.00 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Final
**23.00 ...** SOUTH AMERICAN SOCCER — Brazil v Germany

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 17**
**16.30 ...** SOUTH AMERICAN SOCCER — Brazil v Germany
**18.30 ...** FOOTBALL HOLLAND

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 19**
**18.30 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Final

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 20**
**07.00 ...** FOOTBALL BRAZIL — Paoulista Championship — Final
**11.00 ...** SOUTH AMERICAN SOCCER — Brazil v Germany
**22.00 ...** TOP MATCH FOOTBALL

**MONDAY DECEMBER 21**
**17.30 ...** TOP MATCH FOOTBALL

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 22**
**17.30 & 06.00** . . FOOTBALL EUROPA

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 25**
**12.00 ...** FUTBOL ESPANOL

# WORLDWIDE QUIZ

**1. Which Italian club are known as the pomegranates?**

2. Name the two goalkeepers to play on the winning side in three FA Cup Finals at Wembley.

**3. The Ernst Grube Stadion is home to which club?**

4. Where was France winger Pascal Vahirua (below right) born?

**5. What was the title of the 1930s film for which certain action sequences were filmed at a London ground?**

6. Rod De Khors is a midfielder who plays for . . . which club?

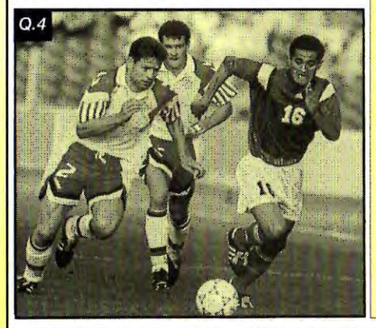
7. Name the national team manager of Lithuania.

**8. Who were the first substitutes chosen for an FA Cup Final?**

9. A Russian coach, Vitaly Schevchenko, joined a South American club earlier this season. Which one?

**10. In which country do Sileksand Metalurg play?**

Pressure on space in the new-look *WORLD SOCCER* means that the **WORLDWIDE QUIZ** now consists of only 10 questions. Answers on a postcard to the usual address by December 18th please.
**The** winner of last month's quiz, with all 20 correct, is **Julian Horbury** of Huddersfield.




**Answers to the November quiz:**
1. Huddersfield 1924-25-26.
2. El Loco — Madman.
3. Gary Pallister.
4. George Camsell of Middlesbrough.
5. Wolves, 1957-58 and 58-59.
6. Billy Steel, in 1947.
7. Bobby Moncur.
8. Sylvester Stallone.
9. Rangers, in 1959-60. They lost 12-4 on aggregate to Borussia Dortmund.
10. Castilla.
11. Paolo Rossi of Italy in 1982.
12. Les and Clive Allen of Spurs.
13. Season 1981-82.
14. Leopoldo Luque of Argentina in 1982.
15. David Dent.
16. Ken Grieves (Bury, Bolton, Stockport and Lancashire CC).
17. Roger Hunt, for Liverpool v Arsenal.
18. Mansfield beat Bristol City in the 1987 Freight Rover Trophy.
19. Jan Joengblod of Holland in 1978 and 1982, and Harald Schumacher in 1982 and 1986.
20. Sheffield United.

# CROSS WORD

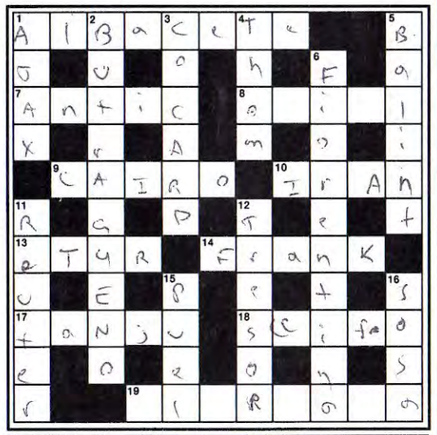
BY CHRISTINE ANSELL

## DOWN

**1 ....** Runners-up to PSV in the 1991-92 Dutch title race (4)
**2 ....** "The Vulture" of Madrid fame (10)
**3 ....** Auxerre and France forward, Christophe (6)
**4 ....** Andreas, German midfielder from Leverkusen (4)
**5 ....** Romania's one-time Steaua wonder boy sold to Spain's Real Burgos (6)
**6 ....** Italy's "Viola" reinforced by Effenberg and Laudrup (10)
**11 ..** Dortmund's German defender recruited last summer from Juventus (6)
**12 ..** Former Marseille defender, Marius, in France's 1978 World Cup side (6)
**15 ..** Ex-French U-21 defender at Monaco since 1976 (4)
**16 ..** Inter's former Lazio forward, Ruben (4)

## ACROSS

**1 ...** Spanish club from which Floro joined Real Madrid (8)
**7 ...** Yugoslav coach sacked from the Bernabeu in '92 (5)
**8 ...** Park, home ground of Dundalk (5)
**9 ...** City in which Egypt's 100,000-capacity National Stadium is sited (5)
**10 .** Nation triumphant in the Asian Championships of 68, 72 and 76 (4)
**13 .** 1991 Bulgarian champions from the Stadio Ivailo, Veliko Tarnovo (4)
**14 .** Torben, Lyngby forward in Denmark's '92 European Championship squad (5)
**17 .** Galatasaray's 1988 Golden Boot winner transferred to Fenerbahce (5)
**18 .** Torino's Belgian midfield star (5)
**19 .** Maltese club — 24 times champions — represented in the 92-93 UEFA Cup (8)



**NOVEMBER SOLUTION**
**Across: 7. Evair, 8. O'Hare, 9. Toshack, 10. AEK, 11. Cobh, 13. Thys, 17. Roy, 18. Peruzzi, 20. Milne, 21. Goram.**
**Down: 1. Celtic, 2. Rats, 3. Urban, 4. Kopke, 5. Magath, 6. Genk, 12. Brylle, 14. Sliema, 15. Apoel, 16. Griga, 17. Roma, 19. Zorc**

# Ghana and Zaire in danger

*Up in the air . . . Thulani Hlanze of Swaziland.*

**AN upset here and there, the predictable round of postponements, and a touch of the bizarre marked the start of Africa's qualifying campaign for the 1994 World Cup finals.**

War in Liberia and Angola held up scheduled ties and put in jeopardy those two nations' participation in the qualifiers.

Liberia, who were hoping striker George Weah would take them to a first World Cup tournament, started badly with defeat in Zaire and could well be forced to pull out if the civil war does not abate. Angola's general elections did not produce a clear winner.

On the pitch, there were surprise wins by Burundi and Swaziland, tiny nations recording their first victories in World Cup competition.

Burundi, who have emerged as the team of the year in Africa, beat previous "hot property" Ghana in the tiny East African town of Bujumbura — the biggest shock in Africa for years. Ghana, minus Abedi Pele but including Anthony Yeboah, have now severely dented their chances of topping co-favourites Algeria in their group.

Swaziland beat Zaire, who had scored nine goals in three previous matches, but underestimated the Swazis and did not call any of their European-based professionals. They also left five other internationals at home with Daring Motemba Pembe, who were preparing for a semi-final in the African Cup-winners' Cup.

The lessons learnt might be too late to save Zaire, and now the rebuilt Cameroon side are favoured to progress to the second round.

The bizarre events came in Group F in Rabat, where Ethiopia arrived with a depleted squad, claiming three players had hopped off in Rome on the way through, in search of political asylum.

*Well on course . . . Didier Otokore of Ivory Coast.*

The match went ahead on FIFA orders with the Ethiopians fielding two reserve goalkeepers in defence and a 40-year-old assistant coach in midfield. He lasted just 10 minutes before going off through exhaustion. One by one his example was followed until only six players remained, and the referee had no alternative, under FIFA rules, but to call off the match with 20 minutes left and the Moroccans 5-0 ahead.

Ethiopia surprisingly recovered two weeks later to pull off a credible 0-0 home draw with Tunisia.

South Africa's first World Cup appearance ended in a 4-0 defeat in Lagos by Nigeria, who must be fancied to qualify for the finals.

Africa's champions, Ivory Coast, look to have confirmed their progress, beating Botswana 6-0 in their first match in Abidjan and then forcing a goalless draw away against tricky Niger.

Finally, Mali's belated withdrawal left only Kenya and Guinea in their group.

MARK **GLEESON**

## Kotoko's 17th title

**ASHANTE KOTOKO retained the Ghanaian championship despite losing a six-point lead and being overtaken by Hearts of Oak.**

**Kotoko, from Kumasi, fought back in the closing weeks and finished on 40 points from 26 games, with Accra's Hearts three points behind.**

**They lost a great opportunity when beaten near the end of the season by Corners, who were already certain of relegation.**

**Romanian coach Gavrila stormed away from the ground in disgust at his team's efforts.**

**A record 17th title was consolation for Arday and his men after their surprise elimination from the African Champions' Cup.**

**They beat ASEC of Ivory Coast 2-1 away, but lost the home leg 3-2 and went out on away goals. Veteran Traore, sent on as sub with the score at 1-1, scored twice in 15 minutes to give the Ivorians their victory.**

BABA **KASSIM**

*Chasing a record . . . Nduka Ugbade.*

# Ugbade chases unique record

**NDUKA UGBADE is not instantly recognisable among the current stars of international football, but he is on the threshold of a unique World Cup record.**

Nigerian full-back Ugbade could become the first player to compete in World Cup finals tournaments at all levels; senior, youth (under-20) and cadet (under-17).

He was captain of the Nigerian team who won the first under-17 championship in China in 1985, and played in Chile and Saudi Arabia in the World Youth Cup.

Ugbade also was selected for Nigeria's team at the 1988 Olympics in South Korea, before the tournament was downgraded to under-23 level, but was eventually overlooked.

Now he has his sights set on a place at the senior World Cup finals in 1994, and with Nigeria having made an impre-ssive start in their qualifiers, this unique achievement looks well within his grasp.

Ugbade, now 23, has graduated through the ranks to become a regular member of the senior national team, and played in the 4-0 demolition of South Africa in their opening group match.

Nigeria are one of the hot favourites to fill the three berths that Africa will have at the 1994 finals.

"I believe we have a very good chance," says Ugbade, who made his senior debut at the 1992 African Nations' Cup finals in Senegal, where the Nigerians finished third.

"The pressure on us from our own supporters has not been easy to cope with.

"The fact that Nigeria have never before been to a senior World Cup final is an obsession in our country. But we have faith in our ability."

Ugbade had a spell in Europe, playing in Spain with First Division Castellon and Real Aviles in the Second Division.

His six-month contract has now expired and he is back in Nigeria, out of club football and trying to find another contract in Europe.

"It's very difficult for an African footballer to go over to Europe and adapt quickly, but I learnt to become a real professional," he says.

"I also learnt to love Spain, the language and the football, and I'd ideally like to go back there. The people have always been friendly to me.

"I met players like Butragueno, Hugo Sanchez and Schuster, and rubbing shoulders with them is inspiring."

But those emotions rank second to the day, more than seven years ago in Peking, when Ugbade went up in front of some 80,000 fans to collect Africa's first world championship trophy.

"I still can't put in words how I felt," he says. "It was like a dream and it will always be with me, never mind what I achieve in life. I was captain of the first African team to win a World Cup."

MARK **GLEESON**

## Junior title at stake

**The African Junior Championships will be played in Mauritius as follows:**

| Group A | Group B | Semi-finals |
|---|---|---|
| **Jan 30-Feb 3:** | **Jan 31-Feb 4:** | **Feb 7:** |
| Mauritius v Ghana, Nigeria v Cameroon, Mauritius v Nigeria, Ghana v Cameroon, Mauritius v Cameroon, Ghana v Nigeria. | Egypt v Senegal, Ethiopia v Morocco, Egypt v Morocco, Ethiopia v Senegal, Egypt v Ethiopia, Morocco v Senegal. | Group A winners v Group B runners-up, Group B winners v Group A runners-up. |
| | | **Third-place play off Feb 9.** |
| | | **Final Feb 10.** |

● **The first three qualify for the World Youth Cup in Australia in March.**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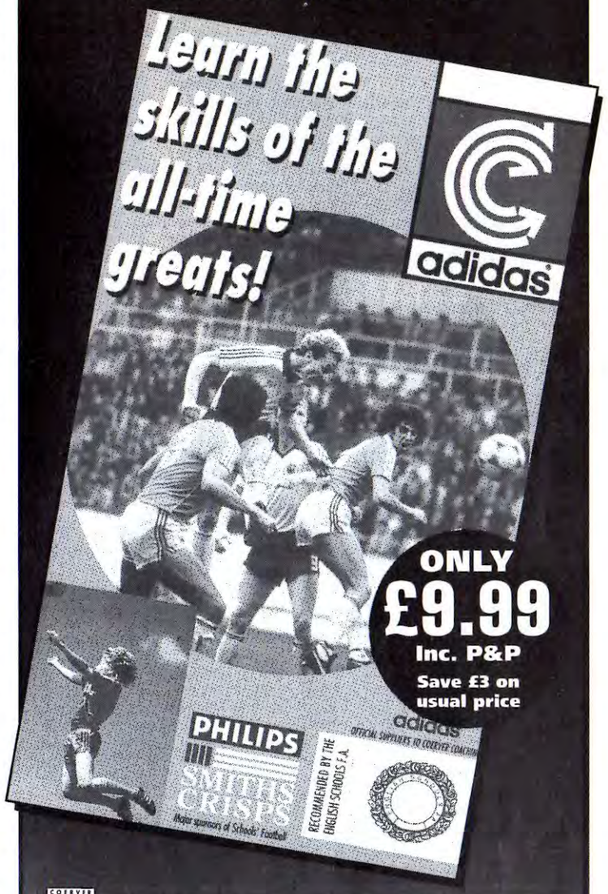


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# Sierre Leone's surprise package

**SIERRE LEONE, a nation who do not even possess a decent football pitch, made an extraordinary start to their African Nations' Cup qualifying campaign.**

The West African country, gripped by coup d'etats, economic decline and general mayhem, have not been one of the continent's footballing powers, but they are now making their presence felt — even though forced to play home matches in a neutral country.

With the dilapidated Siaka Stevens stadium and grassless pitch in the capital, Freetown, ruled below standard by the usually lenient Confederation of African Football, Sierre Leone were made to host their tricky qualifier against unbeaten Senegal in neighbouring Guinea.

That proved a small hindrance. Fans crossed the border to Conakry in big numbers to roar Sierre Leone to a 2-0 win and top place in their group with three wins out of three, above Senegal and Algeria. The top two go through.

Several European-based professionals, mainly from Belgium and France, are helping. Sierre Leone beat Algeria 1-0 in their first game to serve notice of their intentions, then hammered bottom-placed Guinea Bissau away.

The win over Senegal, with goals from Moussa Kanu and George Brima in the second half, put them firmly in control.

Group Eight has been the only other to feature recent matches, with Egypt drawing away against Morocco.

Both sides turned in a grim performance after making confident starts to their qualifying campaigns, but they are still expected to finish one and two in the group and go on to the final tournament in 1994.

MARK **GLEESON**

# Chiefs set to keep title

**KAIZER CHIEFS are favourites to become the first South African club to play in the African club cup competitions in 1993, following the Republic's return to FIFA.**

Chiefs, from Johannesburg, with threequarters of the fixtures completed, were locked with Hellenic from Cape Town at the top, but had three games in hand.

The pair were pursued by Mamelodi Sundowns (from Pretoria), Wits University and Orlando Pirates (both from Johannesburg).

Chiefs, last season's champions, faltered slightly, especially since losing the 1991 League top scorer and player of the year, Fani Madida, to Besiktas of Turkey. But since the re-engagement of Jeff Butler they appear to be back on course.

Former Crystal Palace and West Ham forward Johnny "Budgie" Byrne is manfully leading the Western Province challenge from Hellenic, a predominantly Greek-supported club. Another former English international, Terry Paine of Southampton, is at the helm for Wits.

The poor showing by the national team against Zimbabwe and Zambia, in the African Nations' Cup, and against Nigeria, in the World Cup qualifiers, was understandable given the unwieldy domestic fixture commitments. This legacy from the period of world isolation leaves leading players tired and stale.

Administrators are desperately seeking to restructure, by looking at reducing the number of NSL Castle First Division clubs and eliminating some of the many cup competitions, ambition and vested interests allowing.

All this carries on with no sign of the NPSL (the alternative, but inferior First Division) clubs being incorporated into the national league framework — an achievement FIFA and CAF would welcome.

BARRY **BAKER**

*Another trophy . . . Kaiser Chiefs in celebratory mood.*

## 1994 AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP

**Hosts:** Tunisia.

**Holders:** Ivory Coast.

*Both qualify automatically.*

### PRELIMINARY ROUND

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 14.06.92 | Lesotho v Botswana | 0-0 |
| 14.06.92 | Guinea Bissau v Cape Verde | 3-1 |
| 28.06.92 | Botswana v Lesotho | 0-4 |
| | ***Lesotho won 4-0 on agg*** | |
| 28.06.92 | Cape Verde v Guinea Bissau | 0-1 |
| | ***Guinea Bissau won 4-1 on agg*** | |

### GROUP 1
**(Winners qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16.08.92 | Gabon v Cameroon | 0-0 |
| 16.08.92 | Benin v Niger | 1-2 |
| 30.08.92 | Cameroon v Benin | 2-0 |
| 30.08.92 | Niger v Gabon | 1-3 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gabon | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Cameroon | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Niger | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Benin | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 11.04.93 | Gabon v Benin |
| 11.04.93 | Niger v Cameroon |
| 25.04.93 | Niger v Benin |
| 25.04.93 | Cameroon v Gabon |
| 11.07.93 | Benin v Cameroon |
| 11.07.93 | Gabon v Niger |
| 25.07.93 | Benin v Gabon |
| 25.07.93 | Cameroon v Niger |

### GROUP 2
**(Winners qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15.08.92 | Uganda v Ethiopia | 3-1 |
| 16.08.92 | Sudan v Nigeria | 0-0 |
| 29.08.92 | Nigeria v Uganda | 2-0 |
| 29.08.92 | Ethiopia v Sudan | 3-0 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nigeria | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Ethiopia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Uganda | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Sudan | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 10.04.93 | Ethiopia v Nigeria |
| 11.04.93 | Sudan v Uganda |
| 24.04.93 | Ethiopia v Uganda |
| 24.04.93 | Nigeria v Sudan |
| 10.07.93 | Uganda v Nigeria |
| 11.07.93 | Sudan v Ethiopia |
| 24.07.93 | Uganda v Sudan |
| 24.07.93 | Nigeria v Ethiopia |

### GROUP 3
**(Top two qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16.08.92 | Algeria v Guniea Bissau | 3-1 |
| 16.08.92 | Senegal v Togo | 2-0 |
| 29.08.92 | Sierra Leone v Algeria | 1-0 |
| 30.08.92 | Senegal v Guinea Bissau | 3-0 |
| 03.10.92 | Togo v Algeria | 0-0 |
| 04.10.92 | Guinea Bissau v Sierra Leone | 0-3 |
| 08.11.92 | Sierra Leone v Senegal | 2-0 |
| 08.11.92 | Togo v Guinea Bissau | 0-0 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sierra Leone | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Senegal | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Algeria | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Togo | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Guinea Bissau | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 0 |

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|---|---|
| 09.01.93 | Sierra Leone v Togo |
| 10.01.93 | Senegal v Algeria |
| 23.01.93 | Togo v Senegal |
| 24.01.93 | Guinea Bissau v Algeria |
| 11.04.93 | Algeria v Sierra Leone |
| 11.04.93 | Guinea Bissau v Senegal |
| 24.04.93 | Sierra Leone v Guinea Bissau |
| 25.04.93 | Algeria v Togo |
| 11.07.93 | Senegal v Sierra Leone |
| 11.07.93 | Guinea Bissau v Togo |
| 24.07.93 | Togo v Sierra Leone |
| 25.07.93 | Algeria v Senegal |

### GROUP 4
**(Winners qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16.08.92 | Zaire v Mozambique | 2-0 |
| 16.08.92 | Lesotho v Kenya | 2-2 |
| 29.08.92 | Kenya v Zaire | 1-3 |
| 30.08.92 | Mozambique v Lesotho | 3-0 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zaire | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Mozambique | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Kenya | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| Lesotho | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

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|---|---|
| 11.04.93 | Lesotho v Zaire |
| 11.04.93 | Mozambique v Kenya |
| 24.04.93 | Kenya v Lesotho |
| 25.04.93 | Mozambique v Zaire |
| 11.07.93 | Zaire v Kenya |
| 11.07.93 | Lesotho v Mozambique |
| 24.07.93 | Kenya v Mozambique |
| 25.07.93 | Zaire v Lesotho |

### GROUP 5
**(Winners qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16.08.92 | Zambia v Mauritius | 2-1 |
| 16.08.92 | Zimbabwe v South Africa | 4-1 |
| 30.08.92 | Mauritius v Zimbabwe | 0-1 |
| 30.08.92 | South Africa v Zambia | 0-1 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Zimbabwe | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Zambia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Mauritius | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| South Africa | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 10.04.93 | South Africa v Mauritius |
| 11.04.93 | Zambia v Zimbabwe |
| 24.04.93 | South Africa v Zimbabwe |
| 25.04.93 | Mauritius v Zambia |
| 11.07.93 | Zimbabwe v Mauritius |
| 11.07.93 | Zambia v South Africa |
| 25.07.93 | Zimbabwe v Zambia |
| 25.07.93 | Mauritius v South Africa |

### GROUP 6
**(Winners qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 16.08.92 | Burundi v Congo | 1-0 |
| 16.08.92 | Chad v Guinea | 0-3 |
| 30.08.92 | Congo v Chad | 2-0 |
| 30.08.92 | Guinea v Burundi | 2-2 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Guinea | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Burundi | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Congo | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Chad | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 11.04.93 | Burundi v Chad |
| 11.04.93 | Guinea v Congo |
| 25.04.93 | Guinea v Chad |
| 25.04.93 | Congo v Burundi |
| 11.07.93 | Burundi v Guinea |
| 11.07.93 | Chad v Congo |
| 25.07.93 | Chad v Burundi |
| 25.07.93 | Congo v Guinea |

### GROUP 7
**(Winners qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15.08.92 | Tanzania v Ghana | 2-2 |
| 15.08.92 | Burkina Faso v Liberia | 1-1 |
| 29.08.92 | Liberia v Tanzania | 1-1 |
| 30.08.92 | Ghana v Burkina Faso | 3-0 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ghana | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Tanzania | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Liberia | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Burkina Faso | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 11.04.93 | Burkina Faso v Tanzania |
| 11.04.93 | Ghana v Liberia |
| 25.04.93 | Ghana v Tanzania |
| 25.04.93 | Liberia v Burkina Faso |
| 10.07.93 | Tanzania v Liberia |
| 11.07.93 | Burkina Faso v Ghana |
| 24.07.93 | Tanzania v Burkina Faso |
| 25.07.93 | Liberia v Ghana |

### GROUP 8
**(Top two qualify)**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 15.08.92 | Malawi v Egypt | 1-0 |
| 29.08.92 | Malawi v Mali | 1-1 |
| 04.10.92 | Mali v Morocco | 2-1 |
| 08.11.92 | Morocco v Egypt | 0-0 |

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mali | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Malawi | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Morocco | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Egypt | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

| | |
|---|---|
| 09.04.93 | Egypt v Mali |
| 11.04.93 | Morocco v Malawi |
| 23.04.93 | Egypt v Malawi |
| 25.04.93 | Morocco v Mali |
| 09.07.93 | Egypt v Morocco |
| 11.07.93 | Mali v Malawi |
| 24.07.93 | Malawi v Morocco |
| 25.07.93 | Mali v Egypt |

★ *Mauritania and Libya withdrew.*


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# Busy, busy, busy

**SUNDAY — derby against Botafogo in the Rio de Janeiro championship.**

Monday — travel to Buenos Aires: Wednesday — match with Racing Club of Argentina in the South American Supercup: Thursday — return to Rio: Friday — Rio Championship game against Olaria (which should have been played on Wednesday): Sunday — derby against Fluminense in the Rio Championship.

This was the marathon to which Flamengo were subjected as they tried to fulfil a fixture list more congested than the M25 in the rush hour with two lanes closed.

Yet it was not an abnormally busy week for Flamengo, nor are they an abnormally busy club by Brazilian standards.

Fixture congestion was brought about as Flamengo competed in two competitions at the same time — the Rio Championship and the so-called South American Supercup, for past winners of the Libertadores Cup.

Two championship programmes at the same time should not, in itself, be a problem as long as there is some co-ordination between said competitions. The trouble is that in South America such co-ordination does not exist and each federation behaves as if theirs is the only competition that matters.

While fibre optics continue to revolutionise telecommunications, the Rio Football Federation and CONMEBOL, the South American Confederation, still appear to use carrier pigeons and smoke signals to communicate with the outside world.

The Rio Federation organised a fixture list which obliges teams to play twice a week in their competition, apparently unaware that their members may have other commitments.

CONMEBOL, meanwhile, seem just as oblivious to the fact that the Rio championship exists, and drew up a fixture list which obliges teams to play once a week in their competition.

The Sao Paulo Federation also appear unaware that there is life outside their boardrooms, and have a championship with two matches a week for each competing team from August to December. No account is taken of the fact that both Sao Paulo and Santos are in the Supercup.

The Federation also chose to forget that Sao Paulo face Barcelona in Tokyo this month in the World Club Cup, and that Sao Paulo will need a full week in Japan to get over the journey and time difference.

Add friendly internationals, the Brazil Cup and club excursions abroad, and it becomes evident that the Rio and Sao Paulo federations are ignorant even of what happens in their own country.

The result is clubs being subjected to ridiculous schedules, with up to four matches crammed into one week and even games on successive days.

Naturally, it's the players who suffer. Flamengo defender Wilson Gottardo said: "It's very wearing physically and mentally. It's a very serious matter.

"We have been talking about it for a long time and the directors don't seem to care."

The fixture list is also too much for even the most fanatical supporter, especially with many matches being televised live.

The effects have been most visible in Rio, where attendances slumped to some of the lowest levels in living memory.

Campo Grande and Madureira took the booby prize when their match was watched by 64 people.

Playing their bottom-of-the-table clash on a Wednesday afternoon in a distant suburb hardly helped to attract people. Flamengo and Vasco da Gama drew the biggest crowd — 11,722.

The closure of Maracana, the chaotic rules of the competition, poor-quality football and crowd violence also were blamed for keeping the fans away, plus the usual problem of having too many small clubs involved.

It was crisis time everywhere. Flamengo's employees (excluding the players) went on a symbolic one-day strike to protest that they had not been paid for two months. The players suffered the same fate and Zinho, considered the team's star after Junior, was sold to Palmeiras to help pay off the club's debts.

Very serious . . . Wilson Gotteardo of Flamengo speaks for all the players when he complains of mental and physical strain caused by too many matches.

Very useful . . . Flamengo's Zinho was sold to pay debts.

## A farcical level of fixture congestion

Remember that this is Flamengo, Brazilian champions, former World Club champions, and the best-supported club in Brazil.

President Marcio Braga, the one who tried to take FIFA to court, shared the blame. He also is in charge of maintaining the Maracana stadium and has taken most of the flack for its decline.

Yet in a typically bizarre Brazilian twist, his "punishment" was to be appointed sports minister by Itamar Franco, acting president of Brazil. One can only hope Franco knows more about economics than he seems to know about sport.

Fluminense took a week off in Saudi Arabia, where they played three friendlies in their attempt to put the books back in order.

They paid the price on returning, facing an even more congested fixture list then before: a game against America one day after completing the 24-hour flight from Riyadh, followed by a trip to the north-east of Brazil for a cup game two days later.

Vasco da Gama duly won the first stage of the competition with an unbeaten record, to guarantee their place in the final.

A 1-1 draw with Flamengo in the last game settled it for Vasco.

BRIAN **HOMEWOOD**

### Colombia

**THE Colombian season is finally getting down to the serious business of weeding out pretenders from contenders, 16 teams being reduced to eight and finally to four to decide the championship.**

At the top, America Cali have finally overtaken their city rivals Deportivo. Below these two, the usual group of big-city teams, with the exception of Medellin, were forming the basis of the final eight sides to contest the last six weeks of the season, along with Union Magdalena from Santa Marta and one other.

That final place was still available in the last week of the 44-game season, to be contested between Bucaramanga (one of the best at home but one of the worst away), Pereira (bottom in 1991 but revived by experienced coach Eduardo Retat) and Envigado.

Real Cartagena duly finished bottom, but as yet their fate is to be decided. By rights they ought to be automatically relegated to Division B, but as noted in last month's *WORLD SOCCER*, that would mark their end and a large body of opinion would like to see the city, one of Colombia's larger outposts, continue to have a representative in the professional ranks.

KEITH **SMITH**

### Uruguay

**NACIONAL** were running away with the Uruguayan First Division, but surprisingly lost two successive matches to lowly opponents . . . and the championship stopped.

Fighting among fans at a Second Division match ended with one man dead and several injured, and the FA suspended both clubs for 30 days.

Their players remained unpaid and the union called a strike, which stopped the championship and caused Nacional's elimination from the South American Super Cup for Libertadores winners.

### Venezuela

**THE** season began with 45 foreigners among the 16 clubs, who had spent around ten million dollars on the imports.

Caracas, the defending champions, again look to have the strongest squad, including last season's top scorer, Andreas Vogler, and another German, Olaf Seier.

### Peru

**UNIVERSITARIO de Deportes seem sure to win the championship, having a five-point lead over last season's winners, Sporting Cristal, with four matches to play.**

### Chile

**COLO COLO** president Eduardo Menichetti is in trouble with the FA for criticising referees.

Four players have been suspended for getting too many warnings, and Menichetti claimed: "Some people do not want us to win the title. We are being given referees who do not know what they are doing" — although international-class official Enrique Marin had handled Colo Colo's latest match.

### Bolivia

**BOLIVAR successfully defended their title and will take part in the Libertadores Cup for the 14th time.**

**The country's second competitor will be one from San Jose, The Strongest and Oriente Petrolero.**

### Mexico

**AMERICA** of Mexico City have reached the final of the CONCACAF Trophy for champions, but in spite of being by far the biggest close-season spenders they continue to struggle in the First Division with only nine points in nine games.

They spent some five million dollars on players, including Hugo Sanchez and German Martellotto (right). Former Brazilian national coach Falcao was facing increasing pressure to avoid following Pedro Dellacha, who left as Santos coach because of the team's poor results.

### Paraguay

**VETERAN striker Raul Amarilla keeps insisting that he will retire when the season ends, but his continued good form keeps fans happy and wanting him to stay.**

**Amarilla's goal for Olimpia against Cerro Porteno was his eighth of the season, making him top scorer. But Cerro Porteno won 2-1 and led the second round by three points with only two matches to play.**

**Another popular Olimpia veteran, Romerito, plans to go into politics, but intends to carry on playing as well.**

ERIC **WEIL**

# TABLES

## ARGENTINA
**National A Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boca Juniors | 10 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| River Plate | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| San Lorenzo | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 8 | 13 |
| Dep. Espanol | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 13 | 8 | 11 |
| San Martin | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 11 |
| Rosario Central | 10 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Velez Sarsfield | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 10 |
| FC Oeste | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 10 |
| Lanus | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| Argentinos Jun. | 10 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| Huracan | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 10 |
| Belgrano | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 14 | 10 |
| Dep Mandiyu | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 10 |
| Talleres | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 13 | 10 |
| Racing Club | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| Independiente | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| Platense | 10 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 7 |
| Estudiantes | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 6 |
| Gimnasia | 9 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 6 |
| Newell's OB | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 4 |

*Bottom relegation standings (average points over last three seasons — two relegated):* Argentinos Juniors, Deportivo Mandiyu & Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata 0,941; Belgrano Cordoba 0,937; Talleres Cordoba 0,883; Estudiantes de La Plata 0,870.

## URUGUAY
**First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nacional | 16 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 20 | 23 |
| Danubio | 16 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 21 | 12 | 21 |
| Penarol | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 18 |
| Defensor | 16 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 18 | 14 | 18 |
| Bella Vista | 17 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 20 | 19 | 18 |
| Racing Club | 17 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 12 | 11 | 17 |
| Progreso | 17 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 19 | 22 | 17 |
| River Plate | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 28 | 21 | 17 |
| Liverpool | 17 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 16 |
| Wanderers | 17 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 17 | 15 |
| Cerro | 17 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 17 | 21 | 14 |
| Rentistas | 16 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 17 | 22 | 14 |
| Central Espanol | 16 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 24 | 9 |

## BOLIVIA
**National Championship**
**Final standings (1st phase)**

1) Bolivar 46 (one game less); 2) San Jose 45; 3) The Strongest 41; 4) Oriente Petrolero 36; 5) Jorge Wisterman 34; 6) Independiente Petrolero 32; 7) Destroyers (one game less), Litoral 31; 9) Blooming, Ciclon 29; 11) Petrolero 25; 12) Universitario 23; 13) Orcobol 22; 14) Chaco Petrolero, Real Santa Cruz 18; 16) Real Beni 15. *(Top four qualify for final play-off, but Bolivar earn Libertadores Cup 1993 place)*

## COSTA RICA
**First Division**

**After 5 games:** 1) Herediano 9 pts: 2) Turrialba 8; 3) Saprissa, Perez Celedon, El Carmen, Puntarenas 6; 7) San Carlos, Cartagines 5; 9) Alajuelense 3; 10) Limon, Ramonense 2; 12) Guanacaste 0.

## EL SALVADOR
**First Division**

**After 7 games:** 1) FAS, Firpo, Baygon-ADET 9 pts; 4) Cojutepeque, Apaneca 8; 6) Alianza 7; 7) Tiburones 6; 8) Marte, Aguila 5; 10) Fuerte San Francisco 4.

## PERU
**First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Universitario | 26 | 17 | 5 | 4 | 46 | 16 | 39 |
| Sporting Cristal | 26 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 40 | 25 | 34 |
| Melgar | 26 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 42 | 25 | 31 |
| Sport Boys | 26 | 9 | 12 | 5 | 36 | 27 | 30 |
| Cienciano Cusco | 26 | 11 | 8 | 7 | 35 | 31 | 30 |
| Alianza Lima | 26 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 29 | 20 | 29 |
| Union Minas | 26 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 37 | 34 | 28 |
| Alianza At, Sullana | 26 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 32 | 20 | 28 |
| U. Cajamarca | 26 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 31 | 37 | 26 |
| Leon de Huanuco | 26 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 36 | 32 | 25 |
| San Agustin | 26 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 30 | 37 | 24 |
| Dep. Municipal | 26 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 32 | 36 | 23 |
| CN Iquitos | 26 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 26 | 45 | 23 |
| Defensor Lima | 26 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 30 | 39 | 19 |
| Carlos Mannucci | 26 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 19 | 31 | 19 |
| H. de Yurimaguas | 26 | 1 | 6 | 19 | 23 | 49 | 8 |

## CHILE
**First Division**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colo Colo | 20 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 42 | 22 | 28 |
| Cobreloa | 20 | 10 | 8 | 2 | 34 | 19 | 28 |
| Univ.Catolica | 20 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 34 | 21 | 27 |
| Un. Espanola | 20 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 36 | 20 | 25 |
| Univ.de Chile | 20 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 26 | 19 | 25 |
| Antofagasta | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 20 | 22 |
| O'Higgins | 20 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 21 | 24 | 19 |
| Cobresal | 20 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 26 | 31 | 19 |
| Coquimbo | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 20 | 33 | 18 |
| Palestino | 20 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 33 | 41 | 18 |
| Fernandez Vial | 20 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 20 | 22 | 17 |
| Everton | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 20 | 34 | 16 |
| La Serena | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 16 | 16 |
| Concepcion | 20 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 24 | 35 | 16 |
| Temuco | 20 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 32 | 15 |
| Huachipato | 20 | 3 | 5 | 12 | 23 | 45 | 11 |

## MEXICO
**First Division**
**Group A**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlante | 10 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 15 | 9 |
| Queretaro | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 15 | 9 |
| Veracruz | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 13 | 8 |
| Santos | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 14 | 5 |
| U. Tamaulipas | 10 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 16 | 5 |

**Group B**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Necaxa | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 11 | 16 |
| U.A. Guadalajara | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 14 |
| Puebla | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 16 | 11 |
| America | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 9 |
| Morelia | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 11 | 18 | 8 |

**Group C**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Univ. Nuevo Leon | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 12 |
| Cruz Azul | 10 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 15 | 11 |
| Univ. Guadalajara | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 9 |
| Guadalajara | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 9 |
| Atlas | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 16 | 8 |

**Group D**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Monterrey | 10 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 9 | 13 |
| Leon | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 9 | 12 |
| Toluca | 10 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 17 | 13 | 11 |
| UNAM | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| Pachuca | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 9 |

## PARAGUAY
**First Division (2nd round)**

**After nine games:** 1) Cerro Porteño 15 pts: 2) Guarani, Olimpia 12; 4) Libertad, At. Colegiales 11; 6) Cerro Cora 9; 7) River Plate, Presidente Hayes 8; 9) Nacional 7; 10) Sol de America 6; 11) Sportivo San Lorenzo 5; 12) Sportivo Luqueno 4.

## ECUADOR
**First Division — final round**

**After 5 games:** 1) Barcelona 8 pts: 2) Nacional, Liga Dep. Universitaria, Emelec 6; 5) Green Cross 5; 6) Deportivo Quito 3.

## COLOMBIA
**First Division**

**Overall standings:** 1) Deportivo Cali 49 pts: 2) America 48; 3) Millonarios, Independiente Santa Fe, Nacional 47; 6) Atletico Junior 46; 7) Union Magdalena 45; 8) Bucaramanga 42; 9) Envigado 41; 10) Pereira 40; 11) Quindio 38; 12) Caldas 35; 13) Independiente Medellin 34; 14) Cucuta, Tolima 28; 16) Real Cartagena 25. *(Top eight qualify for final round).*

## GUATEMALA
**First Division**

**After 7 games:** 1) Suchitepequez 12 pts: 2) Aurora, Galcasa 9; 4) Escuintla, Amatitlan, Chiquimulilla 8; 7) Communicaciones 7; 8) Tipografia Nacional 6; 9) Izabal, Del Monte 5; 11) Municipal 4; 12) Juventud Retaiteca 3.

## HONDURAS
**First Division**

**After 7 games:** 1) Marathon 10 pts; 2) Real Maya, Motagua, Petrotela 9; 5) Olimpia, Vicytona 7; 7) Real Espana 6; 8) Platense 5; 9) Vida 4; 10) Super Estrella 0.

## BRAZIL
**State tournaments**

**Guanabara (Rio de Janeiro) League — 1st round (Guanabara Cup) final standings:** 1) Vasco da Gama 18 pts: 2) Flamengo, Bangu 16; 4) Fluminense, Madureira 14; 6) Botafogo 13; 7) Volta Redonda 9; 8) America Tres Rios 9; 9) Americano 7; 10) Campo Grande, America (Rio), Itaperuna 5. *(Winner, Vasco da Gama, qualifies for state championship final round)*

**Sao Paulo League**
**Green Group**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sao Paulo FC | 22 | 12 | 8 | 2 | 38 | 16 | 32 |
| Corinthians | 22 | 12 | 7 | 3 | 29 | 12 | 31 |
| Santos | 22 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 31 | 17 | 27 |
| Guarani | 22 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 26 | 21 | 27 |
| Palmeiras | 22 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 25 |
| Portuguesa | 22 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 26 | 19 | 24 |
| Bragantino | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 21 | 23 |
| Ituano | 22 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 22 | 25 | 22 |
| Noroeste | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 19 | 25 | 21 |
| Juventus | 22 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 23 | 19 |
| Santo Andre | 22 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 16 | 23 | 18 |
| Sao Carlense | 22 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 30 | 16 |
| Botafogo | 22 | 4 | 7 | 11 | 20 | 34 | 15 |
| Inter-Limeira | 22 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 9 | 36 | 8 |

**Yellow group leaders:** 1) Ponte Preta 29 pts: 2) Mogi Mirim, Rio Branco 27; 4) Uniao 24; 5) XV Piracicaba 22. *(Top six from green group and top two from yellow group qualify for semi-final stage).*

How a great keeper kept going for 26 years

# Loco motion

BY ERIC **WEIL**

**God is a Boca fan. He wanted me in his team.**

**Players today haven't got character.**

**People give too much importance to the coaches.**

**Soccer officials? There's only one word for them, and that's far too weak a description.**

*. . . SOME OF GATTI'S VERDICTS*

## PRO-FILE

### HUGO **GATTI**

**Born:** Carlos Tejedor, Buenos Aires, 1944.

**Previous clubs:** Atlanta, River Plate, Union Santa Fe, Gimnasia y Esgrima, Boca Juniors.

**League debut:** August 5, 1962, for Atlanta. Holds record for number of Argentine league appearances, with 832.

**International debut:** August 1962.

**International caps:** 18.

### HONOURS

**First Division:** 1976, 1981.

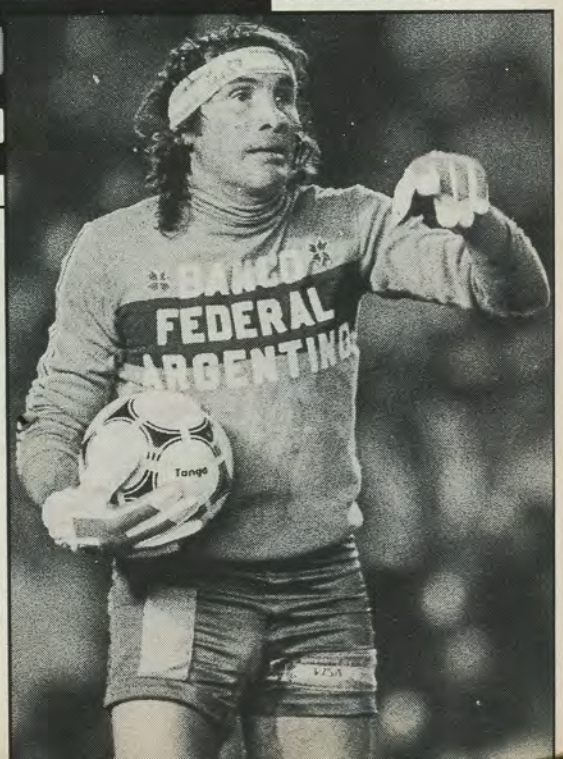
**National Championship:** 1976.

**Libertadores Cup:** 1977.

**World Club Cup:** 1978.

*The face of a favourite . . . the lines show, but Gatti is still remarkably fit.*

*The manner of the man . . . Gatti's extrovert style won him countless fans.*




**HE SPENT 26 years in Argentine soccer, playing a record 832 games.**

He played for five clubs — Atlanta, River Plate, Union Santa Fe, Gimnasia y Esgrima De La Plata, and Boca Juniors.

He won five titles, all with Boca: First Division 1976 and 1981, National Championship 1976, Libertadores Cup 1977, Intercontinental Cup 1978.

He won 18 international caps over a period of 26 years, the first in August 1962 and the last in September 1988.

He was soccer's No. 1 showman in Argentina, an idol loved by millions wherever he played.

He spent all his career in his native country and never played abroad.

He was one of the greatest and most controversial goalkeepers in South American history, playing until the age of 44 in 1988 and nicknamed El Loco: Madman.

And even then this legend-ary figure — Hugo Orlando Gatti — did not want to quit.

Sadly soccer left him stranded when Boca Juniors released him — after disagreements with coach Omar Pastoriza — and he failed to find another club (possibly because of his own inflated value of himself), but today he can still be seen training hard every morning in a park in Buenos Aires, as if he were still in the First Division.

He now looks after his farm near the city, in Carlos Tejedor, where he was born 48 years ago.

Colombia's Rene Higuita copies Gatti's style and antics and became much better known world-wide, merely because he got more exposure, on TV, by playing in the World Cup, and for a club in Europe. Gatti, meanwhile, was near

World Cup action twice, as far apart as 1966 and 1978, without playing.

The story started one afternoon in 1960 when Gatti's three older brothers took him to see River Plate playing near their home. One of Argentina's goalkeeping greats, Amadeo Carrizo, was in the team. Hugo was 16 at the time, and says today that he was overawed by the giant, who caught centres with one hand.

Carrizo became Gatti's hero — his "mirror", he says — but only four years later they were rivals for a place at River Plate.

Gatti started his professional career with Atlanta, then in the First Division, where he made his first-team debut on August 5, 1962.

"I wrote for a trial to Atlanta and Gimnasia and both replied at the same time," he says. "I chose Atlanta because they were in the capital and they had the same blue and yellow colours as Boca Juniors, my favourites.

"In the practice match I let through about 14 goals and I thought that was it, but the coach said 'you stay' and I signed."

This was 1961 and the club put him in lodgings with two older players, Carlos Griguol and Luis Artime, who are among his best friends today.

"I believe in destiny and in God and I have to thank him that at this fundamental point of my life he put two people of such human quality in my path . . . at that age, alone in a big city, Carlos and Luis were like brothers to me."

Gatti soon caught the eye. "River Plate offered 10 million pesos for me when I was still in the Sixth Division, but the Atlanta president said he would sell me for double the amount when I played in the first team . . . and he did, to River Plate in 1964. That price was then unheard of for a goalkeeper, and I had only played 12 First Division games.

"I was next to Carrizo, the most important goalkeeper in Argentine soccer, after Hugo Gatti of course, and I spent a lot of time on the reserve bench watching him. Yes, it was positive."

But his first Boca Juniors-River Plate match, the classic of Argentine soccer, ended in disaster. Boca scored four goals against him — the first from far out, because he had left goal, as he did so often in his career.

He had to leave the stadium lying covered in the back of a car to get away from furious fans . . . perhaps his worst moment.

"But River Plate didn't throw me out. I left when they gave Carrizo a free transfer in 1969, I thought it was my turn, but they bought Hugo Carballo and that was enough for me.

"I went to Gimnasia, where they spoilt me, made me an idol and accepted all the silly things I did. They also got the best of Gatti as a player and showman. I helped to pull in the fans."

Gatti became famous for his coloured headbands, Bermuda shorts and generally colourful clothes, which changed the traditional goalkeeper garb, and for his eccentric style.

"The goalposts only served me as an orientation when I went out to anticipate attacks," he says.

"I feel sorry for the goalkeepers who live under the posts. They don't know what they're missing."

Gatti, who likes to describe himself as a footballer who used his hands, fulfilled his destiny in 1975. He had been with Union Santa Fe for a year when Juan Carlos Lorenzo took over as Boca coach.

Lorenzo had taken Gatti to the 1966 World Cup finals in England as a reserve and one of the first things he did at his new club was to ask for Gatti, who moved at once.

Gatti won all his five titles with Boca, and perhaps his greatest moment was when he stopped the last penalty in the shoot-out of the 1977 Libertadores Cup final play-off against Brazil's Cruzeiro in Montevideo.

That gave Boca the trophy . . . and that was also when, at 33, he thought seriously about retiring. He changed his mind the next time he took the field to the cheers of fans.

Gatti, who is second to Ubaldo Fillol in penalties saved with 26, was in the team who won Boca's last title, in 1981, when Diego Maradona also played.

But although he was a member of the 1966 World Cup squad, he did not make his international debut until nine years later, at 31, in spite of being one of Argentina's leading goalkeepers for all that time.

He gained all his 18 caps under Cesar Luis Menotti and was in the 1978 World Cup squad, but an injury kept him out.

Why did he never play abroad? "Pele wanted to take me to Santos once and a million dollars was talked about, but it didn't come off," was Gatti's only answer.

Gatti often was accused of being conceited — he always said he was the best — but I get the feeling that this was all part of the show.

He also said: "Behind every great man there is a great woman. I don't know whether I'm a great man, but I certainly have a great woman — my wife Nacha — next to me."

## He could be playing today . . . and he's 48

*Argentina*

# River's run continues

**BOCA JUNIORS took a three-point lead in the opening round of the National "A" Division by beating their eternal rivals, second-placed River Plate, 1-0 at home.**

This was the 10th meeting of the clubs in various tournaments over the past two years in which River Plate have been unable to win. The record during that period if 8-2-0 for Boca Juniors.

This time Uruguayan Sergio Martinez scored the decider, three minutes into the second half.

River Plate had a chance to equalise and stay a point behind their rivals in the table when they were awarded a penalty, but Navarro Montoya saved Hernan Diaz's shot. A minute later Claut was sent off and River Plate had to play for the last 20 minutes with 10 men.

San Lorenzo and, surprisingly, San Martin were also joint second after 10 games, three points behind leaders Boca Juniors.

San Martin, from the northern province of Tucuman, were promoted for this season, and teams from their region have never done particularly well.

There is a question mark against their staying power, but their main object right from the start had been to avoid relegation.

Coach Pedro Marcheta left Platense to take over at Independiente, who dimissed Nito Veiga.

Independiente had been the biggest close-season spenders on new players, and expected quick results. Out-of-work Juse Yudica took over Platense. Carlos Picerni left bottom club Newell's Old Boys, and Luis Garisto took over from Daniel Romeo at Estudiantes.

*The decider . . . Martinez celebrates his winning goal for Boca Juniors against River Plate.*

# Still spot on, Sergio

**SERGIO GOYCOCHEA, the Argentine goalkeeper, who shot to fame in the 1990 World Cup tournament in Italy, is now happily living in Paraguay, playing for Olimpia . . . and still saving penalties.**

In this year's inaugural CONMEBOL Cup — based on the UEFA Cup for leading clubs not qualifying for any of the major continental tournaments — Olimpia drew on aggregate against two Argentine opponents, but got through on penalties.

In the second round, against Deportivo Espanol, Goycochea stopped one shot for his team to win 4-3. In the semi-final, against Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata, he saved the first two. The third went wide, and Olimpia won 3-0.

In the final, against Brazil's Atletico Mineiro, Olimpia could not wipe out a 2-0 first-leg deficit, managing only a 1-0 win, but Mineiro deserved their first international trophy. They had played the best soccer from the start of the tournament.

Goycochea was back to his "old tricks" a couple of weeks later in the first round of the Super Cup, for Libertadores Cup winners.

With Colo Colo (Chile) and Olimpia each winning their home legs 1-0, a penalty shoot-out decided the winner in Santiago. Colo Colo's goalkeeper had been sent off, but his deputy, Ramirez, stopped the first two shots, leaving his team with a 2-0 lead.

Then Goycochea sprang into action. He saved the next three and Olimpia went into the second round, 3-2.

# Rule change is working

**THIS YEAR'S rule changes have caused controversy in Argentina as in most other parts of the world . . . as rule changes always tend to do.**

But the actual playing time has increased slightly in League matches. Many coaches also had to change a basic rule of theirs which was often met by whistling and booing — when in difficulties, pass the ball back to the goalkeeper and start afresh.

Miguel Angel Russo, the Lanus coach, says: "Defenders are kicking the ball out of play more rather than passing back but this situation should improve in time and it will benefit play."

Alejandro Giuntini, a Boca Juniors midfielder, says: "I don't think it improves play or speeds it up. Defences, when pressed, kick the ball anywhere rather than pass to the goalkeeper. All this only makes the game more untidy."

Mario Ballarino of San Lorenzo claims: "Making passing back to the goalkeeper more risky goes against those teams who want to waste time, and that's good."

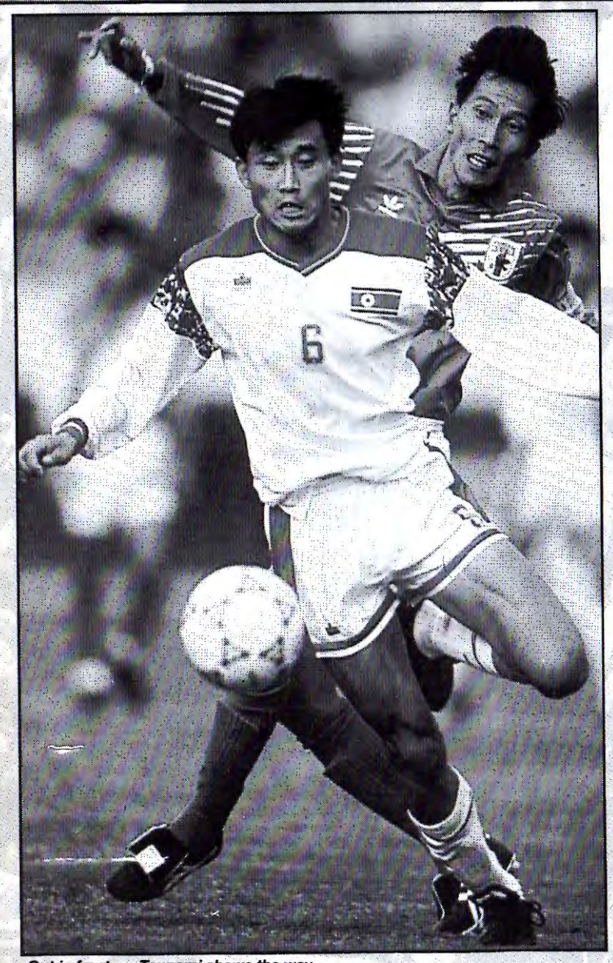
Angel Comizzo, River Plate's goalkeeper, thinks: "It's all a matter of what you are accustomed to. The new rule makes me more of a defender — the players have confidence in me and will continue to pass the ball back, and I like that."

And Nito Veiga, ex-Independiente coach, says: "Matches seem to have more rhythm and there are more goals. Yet you can't make rules to make players play better."

# Roll on 2002!

## Three banned for a year

**SOME of the 16 Asian Cup games were marred by on-field violence, with eight players sent off and 49 bookings.**
**Iran's outburst against Japan led to severe punishment by the Asian Football Confederation.**
**Three players — Peyoos, Moghaddam and Moharrami — were banned from all soccer for a year after assaulting the referee. Khani and Mohammadi, sent off earlier in the game, were banned as well, for one match and three matches respectively.**
**The 16 games produced only 31 goals — a contrast to the 20-nation qualifying tournament, which contained 70 goals, 2.92 per match.**
**All the matches were staged in Hiroshima apart from four group games held in Onomichi.**
**In the eternal battle for prestige between Asia and Africa, on the basis of this year's two continental championships the Asians have emerged clear leaders — with better refereeing, too. FIFA take note.**



*Out in front . . . Tsunami shows the way.*

## Asian Cup success helps Japan's campaign

**AS THE Japanese prepared for professional football next year and continue to work steadily towards hosting the World Cup in 2002, they could hardly have hoped for a more sensational Asian Cup.**

Not only did they organise the event in impeccable style, which was easy to predict; their team then went ahead and won the title, which was not.

Their success was one of the biggest surprises in Asian football history.

They had not figured in the last four in any of the nine previous editions, so had no tradition of success in a continent where the top trophy has rarely changed hands.

But the team, moulded by Dutch coach Hans Ooft, now look good enough to qualify for the World Cup in 1994.

### Stunner

Thanks to Japan, the Asian Cup in Hiroshima turned out to be a stunner.

Not at first, but as in Sweden last June the tournament gathered momentum, and the Japan-China semi-final and the Japan-Saudi final were both fit to stand alongside anything any continent has offered.

The standard was high even if there were some disappointments. Iran, physically powerful to the point of being intimidating for many lighter opponents, were the first to show themselves better than anyone else, but their challenge dissolved in the face of Japanese hyper-motivation and a fatal lack of discipline.

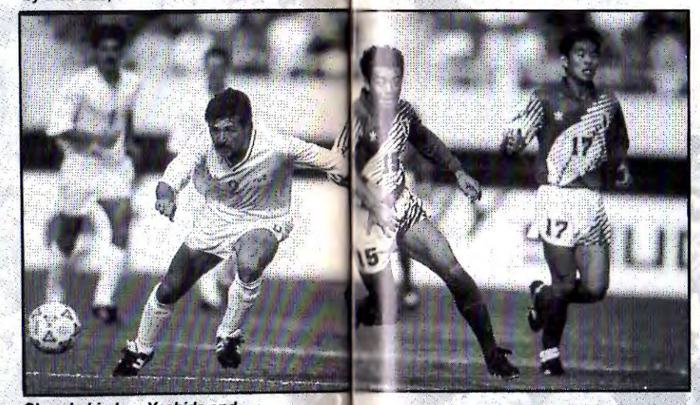
Saudi Arabia, seeking a hat-trick of Asian Cups and spurred on by princely premiums, were confident, accomplished, with strength in depth — but ultimately jaded. Their star appears to be on the wane, although they won the Fair Play Award.

The Chinese mounted the latest of their series of optimistic quests for international breakthrough, and, as on so many occasions in the past, failed — but not without having again provided tantalising evidence of the giant continuing to doze while everyone insists he must soon awaken.

There is still too much naivety in the Chinese game, despite the influence of German coach Manfred Schlappner.

The UAE, the only finalist to have figured at Italia '90, appeared to have learnt little from coach Valery Lobanovsky that a defence-minded side did not already know. Likewise Qatar, unadventurous in the extreme, even if effectively so.

North Korea clearly benefit from the wisdom of experienced coach Pal Csernai, while the lesser-known German Peter Stubbe has forged a modest Thai team into a lively group of imaginative players, quick and perceptive, but ultimately handicapped by their size, or lack of it.



*Close behind . . . Yoshida and Moriyasu chase Zarincheh of Iran.*



BY JONATHAN **SHALLARD**

## Takagi finds the right foot

**THERE was no lack of support for the home team as 50,000 fans packed the Hiroshima Main Stadium for the final to see if their favourites could dislodge the reigning champions.**

They could, and did, deservedly, taking the initiative from the start and refusing to allow the Saudi defence to stifle Japanese attacking spirits.

Japan's sheer exuberance enabled them to win many 50-50 balls in midfield, their players riding tackles on a wave of sometimes frenzied emotion.

The decisive goal came after 36 minutes. Kazu crossed from the left, Takagi chested the ball down, selected an appropriate foot — he sometimes had trouble sorting left from right — and shot into the net. Right to the end Japan were still going forward, showing the value of positive thinking, with captain Hashiratani being honoured for his magnificent display with the Best Player Award.

The Cup went to the right team, not least because they were the only one who set out in every match to attack remorselessly. The offensive obviously helped to win over more fans (most of whom were teenagers, including an unusually high percentage of girls), but more significantly it put defences under continual pressure.

### Bustler

Kazu Miura, always a danger, was chosen Player of the Tournament.

Lanky Rui Ramos, a 35-year-old naturalised Brazilian, and the similarly long-haired little bustler, Tsuyoshi Kitazawa, also caught the eye.

Hans Ooft, formerly with the Dutch FA and FC Utrecht, has been in charge of the national side since March.

He is sitting on a goldmine — almost literally. With the advent of the J League next year, he does not have to worry about losing his best players abroad, and his contract lasts as long as his team stay in the hunt for a place in US '94. If successful, the rewards are hardly likely to be negligible.

"All my players have made progress," says Ooft. "They were not short on skills but rather weak tactically. Now they've made big improvements there too, learning how to change rhythm and confident enough to show what they can do as individuals.

"It's a great day for Japanese football. There's no reason to feel inferior to anybody any more."

## ASIAN CUP RESULTS

### GROUP A

**IRAN 2** (Peyoos 30, Ghayeghran 80)
**N. KOREA 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Omar Al-Mehanna (SA).

**JAPAN 0**
**UAE 0**
**Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Wei Jihong (Chi).

**IRAN 0**
**UAE 0**
**Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Jamal Al-Sharif (Syr).

**JAPAN 1** (Nakayama 80)
**N. KOREA 1** (Kim Gwang Min Za 29)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Rasheed Al-Jassas (Kuw)

**UAE 2** (Mubarak 81, Bakhitbilal 85)
**N. KOREA 1** (Kim Gwang Min 69)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Jouini Neji (Tun).

**JAPAN 1** (Kazu Miura 85)
**IRAN 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 37,000. **Ref:** Jamal Al-Sharif (Syr)

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| UAE | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Iran | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| N. Korea | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

### GROUP B

**S. ARABIA 1** (Al-Thunyan 17)
**CHINA 1** (Li Bing 41)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Sinichoro Obata (Jap).

**QATAR 1** (Soufi 81)
**THAILAND 1** (Areesngarkul 42)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Hossein Khoshkhan (Iran).

**S. ARABIA 1** (Al-Muwallid 86)
**QATAR 1** (Noorallah 74)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Jouini Neji (Tun).

**CHINA 0**
**THAILAND 0**
**Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Noh Byung Il (SK).

**S. ARABIA 4** (Owairan 4, Al-Bishi 10, 72, Al-Thunyan 64)
**THAILAND 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Ali Bujsaim (UAE).

**CHINA 2** (Peng Weigho 44, 58)
**QATAR 1** (Al-Sulaiti 20)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 4,500

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| S. Arabia | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| China | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Qatar | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Thailand | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2 |

### SEMI-FINALS

**JAPAN 3** (Fukuda 48, Kitazawa 57, Nakayama 84)
**CHINA 2** (Xie Yuxin 1, Li Xiao 70)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Hussein Khoshkhan (Iran)

**S. ARABIA 2** (Owairan 67, Al-Bishi 80)
**UAE 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Rasheed Al-Jassas (Kuw).

### THIRD PLACE

**CHINA 1** (Hao Haidong 15)
**UAE 1** (Mubarak 10)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Jouini Neji (Tun)
***China won 4-3 on pens***

### FINAL

**JAPAN 1** (Takagi 36)
**S. ARABIA 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Jamal Al-Sharif (Syr).
**Japan:** Maekawa — Horiike, Hashiratani, Tsunamai, Ihara — Fukuda, Ramos, Kitazawa, Yoshida (Katsuya, 86) — Miura, Takagi.
**S. Arabia:** — Al Rzoan — Al Dosari, Al Alwi, Al Roomi, Al Khlawi — Al Amin, Al Biski, Al Muwallid, Owairan — Falatah (Mehalel, 65), Al Thunyan.

## THE SQUADS

### CHINA

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Fu Yubin | 12.11.63 |
| 2 | Feng Zhigang | 29.11.69 |
| 3 | Dong Liqiang | 20.08.65 |
| 4 | Fan Zhiyi | 01.11.69 |
| 5 | Xu Hong | 14.08.69 |
| 6 | Li Bing | 28.10.69 |
| 7 | Wu Qunli | 20.03.60 |
| 8 | Gao Hongbo | 25.01.66 |
| 9 | Hao Haidong | 25.08.70 |
| 10 | Cai Sheng | 12.11.71 |
| 11 | Li Xiao | 07.11.69 |
| 12 | Xie Yuxin | 10.12.68 |
| 13 | Li Ming | 26.09.72 |
| 14 | Gao Zhongxun | 04.10.65 |
| 15 | Zhao Lin | 15.02.66 |
| 16 | Jia Xiuquan | 24.03.63 |
| 17 | Peng Weiguo | 03.10.71 |
| 18 | Cheng Yuedong | 24.10.69 |
| 19 | Zhu Bo | 23.05.60 |
| 20 | Ou Chuliang | 26.08.68 |

### IRAN

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ahmad Reza Abedzadeh | 1966 |
| 2 | Javad Zarincheh | 1966 |
| 3 | Mojtaba Moharrami | 1964 |
| 4 | Reza Hassanzadeh Barogh | 1968 |
| 5 | Nader Mohammad Khani | 1963 |
| 6 | Mehdi Fonoonizadegan | 1965 |
| 7 | Hamid Reza Stili | 1967 |
| 8 | Sirous Ghayeghran | 1962 |
| 9 | Seted Mehdi Abtahi | 1963 |
| 10 | Samad Marfavi | 1964 |
| 11 | Jamshid Shah Mohammadi | 1967 |
| 12 | Mohammad Reza Rezaeimanesh | 1970 |
| 13 | Farshad Falahatzadeh | 1967 |
| 14 | Morteza Kermani Moghaddam | 1965 |
| 15 | Mohammad Khakpour | 1969 |
| 16 | Seyed Ali Eftekhari | 1964 |
| 17 | Farshad Peyoos | 1962 |
| 18 | Ali Asghar Modir Rosta | 1968 |
| 19 | Arash Noamooz | 1967 |
| 20 | Behzad Shani Gholampoor | 1966 |

### JAPAN

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Shigetatsu Matsunaga | 12.08.62 |
| 2 | Naoto Otake | 18.10.68 |
| 3 | Toshinobu Katsuya | 02.09.61 |
| 4 | Takumi Horiike | 06.09.65 |
| 5 | Tetsuji Hashiratani | 15.07.64 |
| 6 | Satoshi Tsunami | 14.08.61 |
| 7 | Masami Ihara | 18.09.67 |
| 8 | Masahiro Fukuda | 27.12.66 |
| 9 | Nobuhiro Takeda | 10.05.67 |
| 10 | Ruy Ramos | 09.02.57 |
| 11 | Kazuyoshi Miura | 26.02.67 |
| 12 | Takahiro Yamada | 29.04.72 |
| 13 | Yuji Sakakura | 07.06.67 |
| 14 | Tsuyoshi Kitazawa | 10.08.68 |
| 15 | Mitsunori Yoshida | 08.03.62 |
| 16 | Masashi Nakayama | 23.09.67 |
| 17 | Hajime Moriyasu | 23.08.68 |
| 18 | Takuya Jinno | 01.06.70 |
| 19 | Kazuya Maekawa | 22.03.68 |
| 20 | Takuya Takagi | 12.11.67 |

### KOREA

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kim Chang Uk | 23.01.71 |
| 2 | Kim Gwang Min | 16.08.62 |
| 3 | O Yong Nam | 10.09.60 |
| 4 | Kim Gyong Il | 10.10.70 |
| 5 | Im Hwa Yong | 22.12.72 |
| 6 | Ryu Song Gun | 16.12.72 |
| 7 | Bae Jong Min | 13.02.71 |
| 9 | Yon Jong Su | 03.01.62 |
| 10 | Choi Won Nam | 05.10.69 |
| 11 | Gong Mun Chol | 16.08.67 |
| 12 | Tak Yong Bin | 23.07.62 |
| 13 | Cho In Chol | 02.10.73 |
| 14 | Choi Yong Son | 10.10.72 |
| 15 | Li Yong Zin | 26.01.71 |
| 16 | Kim Jong Song | 23.04.64 |
| 17 | Bang Gang Chol | 27.09.70 |
| 18 | King Yong Ho | 02.09.64 |
| 20 | U Hong Chol | 08.04.65 |

### QATAR

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Younes Ahmed Baker | 1963 |
| 2 | Hamad Mubarak Al Attiyah | 22.08.73 |
| 3 | Zamel Eissa Al Kowari | 23.08.73 |
| 4 | Yousef Mubarak Al Adsani | 12.10.65 |
| 5 | Adel Ahmed M Malalia | 15.09.61 |
| 6 | Waleed Bakheet M Maayof | 29.11.72 |
| 7 | Adel Khamis Kumah Mubarak | 11.11.65 |
| 8 | Fahad M Fahed Al Kowari | 19.12.73 |
| 9 | Ahmed Khalil Saleh | 10.10.72 |
| 10 | Mubarak Salem Y Al Khater | 08.01.65 |
| 11 | Adel Mulla Z Al Mulla | 17.12.70 |
| 12 | Mahmoud Yaseen Soufi | 20.10.71 |
| 13 | Abdul Nasser A Al Obaidly | 02.10.72 |
| 14 | Juma Salem M Johar | 20.08.70 |
| 15 | Jafal Rashid Al Kowari | 27.08.72 |
| 16 | Khalifa Khamis Al Sulaiti | 11.01.70 |
| 17 | Amer A Rahman AlKaabi | 01.03.71 |
| 18 | Abdul Aziz Hassan Jaloof | 27.02.73 |
| 19 | Rashid Shami Hassan | 05.09.73 |
| 20 | Mubarak Mustafa Noorallah | 30.03.73 |

### SAUDI ARABIA

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Saud S S Al Otaibi | 03.11.69 |
| 2 | Abdullah S S Al Dosari | 01.11.69 |
| 3 | Salem A S Al Alwi | 21.08.72 |
| 4 | Abdul Rahman A Al Roomi | 28.10.69 |
| 5 | Mohammed S Al Khlawi | 1971 |
| 6 | Fuad A A Amin | 13.10.72 |
| 7 | Saeed A O Owairan | 19.08.67 |
| 8 | Fahad A F Al Bishi | 10.09.65 |
| 9 | Hamzah Saeed I Falatah | 09.10.72 |
| 10 | Nasser M N Al Gahtani | 05.12.73 |
| 11 | Fahad A N Mehalel | 11.11.70 |
| 12 | Awad F I Al Anazi | 24.09.68 |
| 14 | Khalid M F Al Muwalldd | 23.11.71 |
| 15 | Yousef N I Al Thunyan | 18.11.63 |
| 16 | Khaled N Z Al Hazaa | 02.11.71 |
| 17 | Abdullah M Sh AlDosari | 23.11.70 |
| 18 | Saleh A I Aldawod | 24.09.68 |
| 20 | Abdul Azizim R Al Rzoan | 1969 |
| 21 | Saker E Al Shujaa | 02.08.72 |
| 22 | Fuad M Al Maghahwi | 15.08.67 |

### THAILAND

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Poomeat Hungsuwannakool | 12.02.74 |
| 2 | Sumet Akarapong | 06.07.71 |
| 3 | Cherdchai Suwannang | 25.09.69 |
| 4 | Surasak Tungsurat | 01.01.65 |
| 5 | Pairote Pongjan | 16.12.66 |
| 6 | Kosol Jantrachart | 26.12.66 |
| 7 | Natee Tongsukkao | 09.12.66 |
| 8 | Anun Punsan | 10.08.66 |
| 9 | Kajohn Punnaves | 10.02.64 |
| 10 | Thanis Areesngarkul | 12.08.62 |
| 11 | Songserm Maperm | 12.03.66 |
| 12 | Surachai Jaturapattarapong | 21.11.72 |
| 13 | Nantapreecha Kamhaeng | 01.04.67 |
| 14 | Vitoon Kujmongkolsak | 21.06.62 |
| 15 | Attapol Puspakom | 01.10.62 |
| 16 | Narong Poonpriboone | 07.09.65 |
| 17 | Adul Maliphun | 10.08.72 |
| 18 | Chaiyong Kampiam | 29.08.65 |
| 19 | Praphan Khunkokekroad | 28.05.73 |
| 20 | Kumpanat Oungsoongnern | 15.08.66 |

### UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

| No. | Name | Born |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Saeed Juma Waleed | 15.10.72 |
| 2 | Eisa Meer Abdelnour | 1967 |
| 3 | Ibrahim Meer Abdelnour | 1967 |
| 4 | Abdelrahman Mohd Alhaddad | 1966 |
| 5 | Yousif Hussain Mohamed | 1965 |
| 6 | Ismail Rashed Ismail | 27.10.72 |
| 7 | Bakhit Saad Mubarak | 15.10.70 |
| 8 | Khalid Ismail Mubarak | 1965 |
| 9 | Nasser Khamis Mubarak | 1965 |
| 10 | Adnan Khamis Al Talyani | 1964 |
| 11 | Zuhair Bakhit Bilal | 1967 |
| 12 | Husain Ghalloum Abbas | 24.09.69 |
| 14 | Khamis Sa Ad Mubarak | 04.10.70 |
| 15 | Salem Jawhar Salmeen | 25.06.71 |
| 16 | Abdul Razzaq Ibrahim Al Baloshi | 20.01.67 |
| 17 | Muhsin Musabah Fairouz | 1964 |
| 18 | Abdul Haikm Khamis Salem | 1966 |
| 19 | Awadh Ghareeb Mubarak | 27.08.69 |
| 20 | Obaid Ali Hassan | 1964 |
| 22 | Abdulqadir Hassan Ba Wazir | 1962 |

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

| | |
|---|---|
| 1956 | South Korea |
| 1960 | South Korea |
| 1964 | Israel |
| 1968 | Iran |
| 1972 | Iran |
| 1976 | Iran |
| 1980 | Kuwait |
| 1984 | Saudi Arabia |
| 1988 | Saudi Arabia |

## AUSTRIA

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**AUSTRIA SALZBURG 0**
**WIENER SK 1** (Kartalija 33)

**LINZER ASK 1** (Dubajic 71)
**AUSTRIA VIENNA 0**

**VFB MODLING 3** (Ruhmkorf 7, 88, Marasek 37)
**STAHL LINZ 1** (Gschnaidtner 52)

**VORWARTS STEYR 2** (Kogler 59, Niederbacher 49 pen)
**ADMIRA WACKER 1** (Artner 70)

**RAPID VIENNA 1** (Fjortoft 32)
**STURM GRAZ 0**

**ST. POLTEN 0**
**WACKER INNSBRUCK 0**

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**STURM GRAZ 1** (Deveric 60)
**LINZER ASK 2** (Ruttensteiner 12, Keglevits 83)

**ADMIRA WACKER 1** (Abfalterer 73)
**WIENER SC 3** (Janeschitz 51, Pleva 77, Kircher 87)

**STAHL LINZ 1** (Pacult 8)
**RAPID VIENNA 1** (Rodax 31)

**AUSTRIA VIENNA 4** (Stoger 32, 51, Hasenhuttl 56 pen, Ivanauskas 74)
**VORWARTS STEYR 1** (Fuchsbichler 70)

**WACKER INNSBRUCK 3** (Kirchler 55, Schneider 82, Danek 90)
**VFB MODLING 0**

**ST POLTEN 1** (Milevski 32)
**AUSTRIA SALZBURG 1** (Pfeifenberger 50)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**SALZBURG 4** (Jurcevic 20, Pfeifenberger 28, Stadler 74, Reisinger 86)
**ADMIRA WACKER 1** (Ljung 18)

**VORWARTS 3** (Waldhor 40, Niederbacher 50, 77)
**STURM GRAZ 1** (Hormann 55)

**RAPID VIENNA 4** (Fjortoft 12, 44, 53, Streiter 76 pen)
**WACKER INNSBRUCK 2** (Danek 17, Steiger 89)

**WIENER SK 1** (Kartalija 53 pen)
**AUSTRIA VIENNA 3** (Flogel 22, Ivanauskas 35, Kartalija 85 o.g.)

**LINZER ASK 0**
**STAHL LINZ 2** (Stumpf 30, Zeller 62)

**VFB MODLING 5** (Heiling 3, 75, Brankovic 10, 72, Zisser 27)
**ST. POLTEN 2** (Kalaitchev o.g. 69, Vastic 81)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**WACKER INNSBRUCK 3** (Westerthaler 35, Kirchler 57, 86)
**LINZER ASK 3** (Keglevits 44, Dubajic 60, Luksch 72)

**STURM GRAZ 0**
**WIENER SC 3** (Janeschitz 49, 71, 86)

**ST POLTEN 1** (Milewski 28)
**RAPID VIENNA 1** (Brauneder 24)

**STAHL LINZ 2** (Kern 27, Stumpf 41)
**VORWARTS STEYR 0**

**AUSTRIA VIENNA 3** (Zsak 4, Pfeffer 33, Ivanauskas 41)
**ADMIRA WACKER 2** (Abfalterer 73, Ljung 75)

**VFB MODLING 4** (Robakiewic 34, Barisic 75, 81, Zisser 85 pen)
**AUSTRIA SALZBURG 2** (Jurcevic 25, Sabitzer 46)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

WEEKEND

**AUSTRIA SALZBURG 2** (Stadler 5, Lainer 43)
**AUSTRIA WIEN 1** (Hasenhuttl 35)

**ADMIRA WACKER 6** (Ljung 6,75,84, Marschall 15,84, Abfalterer 33)
**STURM GRAZ 0**

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**WACKER INNSBRUCK 0**

**RAPID WIEN 1** (Hatz 90)
**VFB MODLING 0**

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**LINZER ASK 0**
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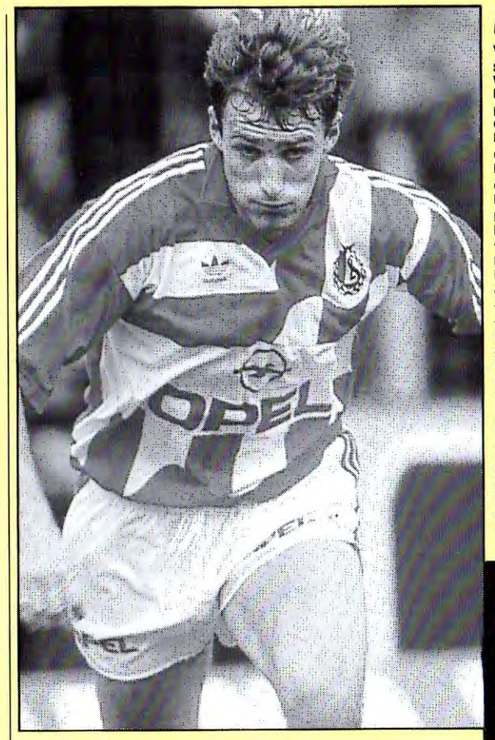

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**STANDARD 1** (De Mol 79)
**WAREGEM 3** (Kruzen 12, Blancke 66, Desloover 70)

**BOOM 2** (Smolders 55, N'dinga 70)
**CERCLE BRUGES 3** (Van Regenmortel 12 o.g., Weber 51 pen, 65)

**CLUB BRUGGE 0**
**BEVEREN 0**

**CHARLEROI 2** (Malbasa 15, 42)
**LIEGE 1** (Ikpeba 61)

**LOMMEL SK 1** (Mukanya 54)
**MECHELEN 3** (Van Gompel 39, Versavel 41, 75)

**RWDM 1** (Vercauteren 6)
**LOKEREN 1** (Samson 52)

**GENT 3** (Vandenbergh 20, Van Gronsveld 40, Porte 83)
**ANTWERP 1** (Ukkonen)

**LIERSE 0**
**ANDERLECHT 2** (Crasson 58, Versavel 65)

**EKEREN 2** (Buia 12, Dheedene 60)
**GENK 2** (Goots 79, Busuttil 86)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

WEEKEND

**CUP**

**LOKEREN 1**
**ANDERLECHT 2**

**OLYM. CHARLEROI 4**
**MOCSKROEN 1**

*Among the goals . . . Marc Wilmots (above) scored a hat-trick for Standard Liege against Beveren, while Anderlecht's Dutch striker Peter Van Vossen (below) was on target in the 2-0 win over Antwerp on the same day.*

## BELGIUM

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**STANDARD 3** (Wilmots 36, 52, 85)
**BEVEREN 1** (Essende 65)

**BOOM 4** (Rivas 62, Van Regenmortel 74, Lukaku 82, 90)
**LIEGE 2** (Ikpeba 52, Arnold 56)

**CLUB BRUGGE 2** (Van der Heyden 65 pen, Verheyen 80)
**MECHELEN 0**

**CHARLEROI 2** (Suray 25, Malbasa 50)
**LOKEREN 1** (Schoofs 60)

**LOMMEL SK 2** (Hendrix 84, Van Veidhoven 86)
**RWDM 4** (Rubinelson 15, 49, Van Ankeren 37, 55)

**ANDERLECHT 2** (Nilis 44, Van Vossen 75)
**ANTWERP 0**

**GENT 1** (De Roover 65)
**GENK 0**

**LIERSE 3** (Brocken 21, Snoeckx 60, Rekdal 85 pen)
**WAREGEM 2** (Abeels 30, 44)

**EKEREN 2** (Snelders 30, Claesen 55 pen)
**CERCLE BRUGES 6** (Weber 20, 41, 71, 89, Berkoe 62, 79)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**LIEGE 1** (Arnold 56)
**CLUB BRUGGE 0**

**BEVEREN 3** (Van Britson 36, Van Ham 80, Essende 82)
**BOOM 1** (Rivas 53)

**CERCLE BRUGES 2** (Cooreman 44, Karacic 58)
**STANDARD 5** (Bettagno 27, 40, 56, Wilmots 49, Goossens 64)

**WAREGEM 5** (Kruzen ll pen, Abeels 13, 86, Vidmar 41, Chaves 82)
**EKEREN 1** (Buia 75)

**GENK 2** (Goots 49, Beyens 72)
**LIERSE 0**

**ANDERLECHT 1** (Degryse 60)
**GENT 0**

**LOKEREN 2** (Siasia 4, 49)
**LOMMEL 1** (Haghedooren 75)

**MECHELEN 3** (Ingesson 15, 36, 75)
**CHARLEROI 1** (De Boeck o.g. 49)

**ANTWERP 0**
**RWDM 4** (Rouyr 8, Rubinelson 47, 65, Van Ankeren 75.

## HOLLAND

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**FORTUNA SITTARD 0**
**SW/DORDRECHT 2** (Wouden 46, Langerak 64)

**TWENTE 4** (Foiley 8, 39, De Boer 67 pen, 79)
**GA EAGLES 0**

**GRONINGEN 1** (Meijer 53)
**SPARTA 2** (Vurens 79 pen, Helder 87)

**WILLEM II 1** (Souhma 88)
**PSV EINDHOVEN 1** (Ellerman 62)

**FEYENOORD 2** (Blinker 20, Kiprich 59)
**VOLENDAM 0**

**MVV 2** (Libregts 51, Meijer 57 pen)
**RODA JC 1** (Van der Luer 76)

**DEN BOSCH 1** (Heine 17)
**RKC 3** (Maas 44, Brard 62, Streppel 77)

**AJAX 3** (Pettersson 3, Bergkamp 44, 87)
**CAMBUUR 1** (Spork 66)

**VITESSE 1** (Cocu 38)
**UTRECHT 1** (Biji 55)

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**PSV EINDHOVEN 3** (Bwalya 42, Numan 46, Romario 83)
**GRONINGEN 0**

**GA EAGLES 4** (Schenning 81, Looms 84, Rorijs 86, Pothoven 89)
**FORTUNA SITTARD 2** (Janssen 23, Sneekes 90)

**CAMBUUR 2** (Mols 24, 78)
**DEN BOSCH 1** (Singgraven o.g. 89)

**RKC 0**
**MVV 3** (Meijer 7, 42, Scheepers 69)

***All other matches postponed.***

### WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**UTRECHT 0**
**GA EAGLES 2** (Steinmann 23, Looms 90)

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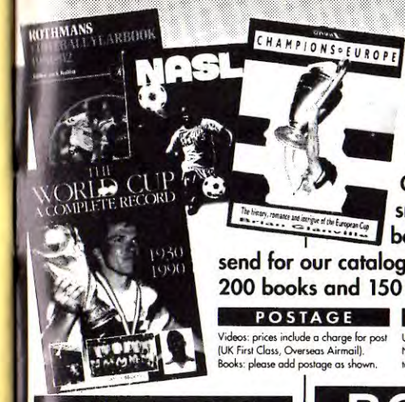


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## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

**WEEKEND**

**VOLENDAM 1** (Pastoor 87)
**TWENTE 1** (De Boer 50)

**PSV EINDHOVEN 5** (Kieft 12, 57, 75, Beerens 70, Ellerman 84),
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**RODA JC 4** (Hofstede 16, 27, 45, Ajah 88)
**GRONINGEN 2** (Meijer 34, 53)

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

**WEEKEND**

**VITESSE ARNHEM 0**
**GA EAGLES 0**

**SVV DORDRECHT 0**
**SPARTA 0**

**UTRECHT 2** (Smolarek 25, Bisji 60)
**PSV EINDHOVEN 0**

**FORTUNA SITTARD 0**
**VOLENDAM 0**

**MVV 2** (Van As 4, Meyer 80)
**DEN BOSCH 1** (Van Eck 89)

**TWENTE 4** (De Boer 8, 45, Prince Polley 21, Pahplatz 25)
**RODA JC 0**

**FEYENOORD 0**
**AJAX 3** (Davids 61, Petterson 71, Overmars 78)

**GRONINGEN 2** (Boogers 32, Jalink 46)
**RKC 2** (Van Duren 30, Djurovski 52)

**WILLEM II 4** (Meys 46, Verhagen 76, Feskens 83, Vincent 90)
**CAMBUUR 0**

*Dennis Bergkamp is still scoring regularly for Ajax.*

*PSV's Wim Kieft is mobbed after his hat-trick against Sittard.*

## PORTUGAL

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**BELENENSES 2**
**GIL VICENTE 0**

**PACOS FERREIRA 2**
**ESTORIL 0**

**TIRSENSE 1**
**MARITIMO 0**

**SALGUEIROS 0**
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**FAMALICAO 0**
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**FC PORTO 4**

**FARENSE 1**
**BOAVISTA 1**

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**BENFICA 0**

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**BELENENSES 4**
**PACOS FERREIRA 1**

**ESTORIL 4**
**TIRSENSE 0**

**MARITIMO 2**
**SALGUEIROS 2**

**BEIRA-MAR 1**
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**SP. BRAGA 0**

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**FC PORTO 3**
**FARENSE 0**

**BOAVISTA 0**
**SPORTING LISBON 0**

**GIL VICENTE 1**
**BENFICA 1**

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**PACOS FERREIRA 0**
**GIL VICENTE 0**

**TIRSENSE 0**
**BELENENSES 0**

**SALGUEIROS 2**
**ESTORIL 1**

**FAMALICAO 2**
**MARITIMO 0**

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**SPORTING 1**
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## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**PACOS FERREIRA 1**
**TIRSENSE 0**

**BELENENSES 1**
**SALGUEIROS 0**

**ESTORIL 2**
**FAMALICAO 2**

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## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

WEEKEND

**TIRSENSE 1**
**GIL VICENTE 1**

**SALGUEIROS 2**
**PACOS FERREIRA 2**

**FAMALICAO 0**
**BELENENSES 0**

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**SPORTING LISBON 4**
**GUIMARAES 1**

**BENFICA 3**
**CHAVES 1**

**BOAVISTA 1**
**FC PORTO 0**

## SWITZERLAND

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WEEKEND

**CHIASSO 0**
**ZURICH 1** (Kagi 81)

**BULLE 0**
**AARAU 1** (Alexandrov 12)

**ST GALLEN 1** (Estay 55 pen)
**SERVETTE 1** (Anderson 91)

**GRASSHOPPERS v LUGANO — *Postponed***

**SION 1** (Orlando 11)
**LAUSANNE 1** (33)

**YOUNG BOYS 1** (Bregy 9 pen)
**NEUCHATEL XAMAX 1** (Smajic 27)

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

WEEKEND

**SERVETTE 3** (Anderson 85, 90, Renato 88)
**GRASSHOPPER 0**

**LUGANO 2** (Zuffi 51, Andrioli 82)
**SION 1** (Cloth 88)

**LAUSANNE 0**
**YOUNG BOYS 0**

**NEUCHATEL XAMAX 3** (Fernandez 36, B. Sutter 45, Smajic 50)
**CHIASSO 1** (Beer 43)

**ZURICH 2** (Milton 59, Waas 73 pen)
**BULLE 0**

**AARAU 3** (Romano 32, Bader 33, Alexandrov 90)
**ST GALLEN 2** (Gambino 50, Hurtado 56)

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

WEEKEND

**GRASSHOPPER 3** (Elber 64, 92, Bickel 90)
**ZURICH 1** (Waas 48)

**SION 0**
**AARAU 0**

**YOUNG BOYS 1** (Bregy 79)
**SERVETTE 2** (Stiel 7, Renato 54)

**CHIASSO 1** (Fargeon 34)
**LUGANO 0**

**BULLE 0**
**LAUSANNE 0**

**ST. GALLEN 1** (Jacobacci 35)
**NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0**

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

WEEKEND

**SION 2** (Hottiger 27, Assis pen 80)
**GRASSHOPPER 0**

**CHIASSO 0**
**YOUNG BOYS 4** (Novak 36, Jakobsen 51, 76, Kunz 84)

**ST GALLEN 2** (T. Wyss 57, Hurtado 73)
**BULLE 2** (Bodonyi 47, Thomann 90 pen)

**ZURICH 2** (Grassi 47, Sesa 92)
**AARAU 0**

**SERVETTE 0**
**LUGANO 0**

**LAUSANNE 0**
**NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0**

## WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MIDWEEK

**GRASSHOPPER 2** (Yakin 32, Sforza 72)
**LUGANO 2** (Englund 40, Hertig 77)

WEEKEND

**GRASSHOPPER 3** (Elber 64, 92, Bicker 90)
**FC ZURICH 1** (Waas 48)

**FC SION 0**
**AARAU 0**

**YOUNG BOYS 1** (Bregy 79)
**Servette 2** (Stiel 7, Renato 54)

**CHIASSO 1** (Fargeon 34)
**LUGANO 0**

**BULLE 0**
**LAUSANNE 0**

**ST GALLEN 1** (Jacobbacci 35)
**NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0**

# INTERNATIONAL

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

**Oct 20 = Riyadh — Intercontinental Cup, Final**
**ARGENTINA 3** (Rodriguez 18, Caniggia 24, Simeone 64)
**SAUDI ARABIA 1** (Owairan 65)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 75,000. **Ref:** Lim Kee Chong (Mauritius)
**Argentina:** Goycochea — Vazquez, Altamirano, Basualdo, Ruggeri, Redondo, Villarreal (Cagna 81), Simeone, Rodriguez (Acosta 73), Caniggia, Batistuta.
**S Arabia:** Alothaibi — Aldosari, Alwi, Alroomi, Amin, Alkhlawi, Albishi (Alrzqan 67), Almuwallid, Aldosari, Owairan, Aljaber (Mehalel 46).
**Player of tournament:** Redondo (Arg).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22**

**Oct 22 = Zagreb — intl friendly**
**CROATIA 3** (Suker 44, 89, Racunica 85)
**MEXICO 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Hutak (Hun)
**Croatia:** Slavica — Bilic, Biskup (Gaspar 46), Jarni, Istvanic — Andrijasevic, Paviliciu, Mise, Boban (Cvitanovic 82) — Suker, Spehar.
**Mexico:** Campos — Suarez, Perales, Ambriz, J Hernandez — De la Torre, Espana, Espinoza — Hermosillo, Uribe, Coyote (Ordiales 46).

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**Oct 24 = Johannesburg — WC African gp D**
**S AFRICA 1** (Masinga 27)
**CONGO 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 15,000.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**Oct 25 = Valletta — WC Euro gp 1**
**MALTA 0**
**ESTONIA 0**
**Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Oguz Sarvant (Tur)
**Malta:** Cluett — Gregory (Duda 78), S Vella, Galea, Brincat, Buttigieg, Busuttil, R Vella, Zerafa (Saliba 78), Laferla, Sultana.
**Estonia:** Poom — Keljend, Hepner, Prins, T Kallaste, Ratnikov, Oloemets, Pusdov (Rayala 75), Kirss, Reim, R Kallaste.

**Oct 25 = Hamilton — WC CONCACAF 2nd rd gp B**
**BERMUDA 1** (Jennings 52)
**JAMAICA 1** (Davis 74)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 6,000.

**Oct 25 = San Salvador — WC CONCACAF 2nd rd gp B**
**EL SALVADOR 1** (Magico Gonzalez 32)
**CANADA 1** (Miller 86)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 8,000.
**El Salvador:** Garcia — Mojica, Trigueiros, Carcamo, Abrego, Borja, Rivera (Melendez 79), Palacios, Cienfuegos, Ulloa (Lazo 59), Gonzalez.
**Canada:** Dolan — Yallop, Samuels, Sarantopoulos, Sweeney (Rizi 55), Norman, Miller, Valentine, Catliff (Limniatis 46), Bunbury, Mitchell.

**Oct 25 = Bujumbura — WC African gp A**
**BURUNDI 1** (Indele 60)
**GHANA 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Hafiz (Tan)
Oct 25 = Lobamba — WC African gp B
Swaziland 1 (Terblanche 87)
Zaire 0
**HT:** 0-0.

**Oct 25 = Lome — WC African gp C**
**TOGO 1** (Saliu Tadjo 78)
**EGYPT 4** (Ayman Mansour Elnal 24, Hossam Hassan 32, 78pen, Hany Ramzi 89)
**HT:** 0-2. **Att:** 15,000.

**Oct 25 = WC African gp C**
**ANGOLA v ZIMBABWE — *postponed***

**Oct 25 = Niamey — WC African gp E**
**NIGER 0**
**IVORY COAST 0**
**Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Kinder Ahmat (Chad)

**Oct 25 = Cotonou — WC African gp F**
**BENIN 0**
**MOROCCO 1** (Daoudi 50)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 7,000.

**Oct 25 = Addis Ababa — WC African gp F**
**ETHIOPIA 0**
**TUNISIA 0**

**Oct 25 = Maputo — WC African gp G**
**MOZAMBIQUE 0**
**SENEGAL 1** (Younoss 88)
**HT:** 0-0.

**Oct 25 = Dar-es-Salaam — WC African gp H**
**TANZANIA 0**
**MADAGASCAR 0**
● This match was postponed from the previous day to give the Tanzanians an extra day to recover from after-effects of a bus accident two weeks earlier when the team were returning from Zambia. Two players were injured, neither seriously.

**Oct 25 = Windhoek — WC African gp H**
**NAMIBIA 0**
**ZAMBIA 4** (Chikwalakwala 2, Mutale 2)
**HT:** 0-4.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

**Oct 28 = Ankara/May 19 Stadium — WC Euro gp 2**
**TURKEY 4** (Hakan 37, 89, Orhan 87, Hami 90)
**SAN MARINO 1** (Bacciocchi 53)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Boujzaim (UAE)
**Turkey:** Hayrettin — Riza (Mehmet 73), Bulent, Gokhan, Ogun, Orhan, Okan, Ridvan, Hakan, Oguz, Aykut (Hami 46).
**San Marino:** Benedettini — Gobbi, Gennari, Della Valle (Bizocchi 60), I Matteoni, Guerra, Manzaroli, P Mazza, Bacciocchi, Bonini, Francini (Zanotti 80).

**Oct 28 = Vilnius — WC Euro gp 3**
**LITHUANIA 1** (Fridrikas 85)
**LATVIA 1** (Linards 44)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Waddell (Sco)
**Lithuania:** Martinkenas — Buzmakovas, Baltusnikas, Tumasonis (Zuta 61), Tereskinas, Bukristovas, Baranauskas, Ivanauskas, Pankratjuas, Fridrikas, Zdaneilis (Vaindras 68).
**Latvia:** Karabayevs — Astafyevs, Alexeyenko, Ivanovs, Gnedois, Popkovs (Yemilyanovs 74), Sprogis, Stradins, Bolders, Linards, Glazovs.

**Oct 28 = Moscow — WC Euro gp 5**
**RUSSIA 2** (Yuran 4, Radchenko 23)
**LUXEMBOURG 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 1,750. **Ref:** Koho (Fin)
**Russia:** Cherchesov — Khlestov, Onopko, Kulkov, Karpin, Shalimov, Dobrovolski, Mostovoi, Radchenko (Tatarchuk 80), Kiriakov (Borodyuk 63), Yuran.
**Luxembourg:** Van Rijswijck — Birsens, Bossi, Wolf, Hellers, Girres, Saibene (Thill 77), Weis, Holtz (Groff 53), Langers, Malget.

**Oct 28 = Vienna — WC Euro gp 6**
**AUSTRIA 5** (Herzog 41, 46, Polster 49, Stoger 56, Ogris 87)
**ISRAEL 2** (Zohar 57, 77)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Correia (Por)
**Austria:** Wohlfarhrt — Zsak, Streiter (Baur 71), Wazinger, Prosenik, Stoger, Artner, Herzog, Schinkels (Flogel 78), Ogris, Polster.
**Israel:** Ginzburg — Ben-Shimon, Yeuda, Harazi, Avraham Cohen (Brkovitch 52), Zohar, Klinger, Hazan, Nimny, Rosenthal, Tikva (Drieks 78).

**Oct 28 = Minsk — intl friendly**
**BELARUSSIA 1** (Gotsmanov 47)
**UKRAINE 1** (Maximov 78)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Spirin (Ru)
**Belorussia:** Chantalosov — Oriovski, Lessoun, Demonkovits (Gotsmanov 46), Zigmantovich — Taykov, Antonovich, Aleinikov, Guerasimets (Koukar 75) — Mettlitski, Velichko.
**Ukraine:** Pomazoun — Bejenar, Diriavka (Sak 30), O Kuznetsov (Topchiev 87), Dudnik (Yabchenko 75) — Pulunin, Mikhailichenko (Maksimov 67), Kandaurov, Poklebayev — Moskovin, Prizetko (Gussev 46).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**

**Oct 29 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp B**
**SAUDI ARABIA 1** (Al Thunyan 17)
**CHINA 1** (Li Bing 41)
**HT:** 1-1.

**Oct 29 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp B**
**QATAR 1** (Soufi 81)
**THAILAND 1** (Thanis 42)
**HT:** 0-1.

**Oct 31 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp B**
**SAUDI ARABIA 1** (Muwalid 86)
**QATAR 1** (Noorallah 74)
**HT:** 0-0.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

**Nov 1 = San Salvador — WC CONCACAF gp B**
**EL SALVADOR 4** (Palacios 22, Magico Gonzalez 44, Cienfuegos 52, Rivera 56)
**BERMUDA 1** (L Goater 80)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Fuentes (Hon)
**El Salvador:** Garcia — Osorio, Trigueiros, Carcamo, Abrego — Castro, Rivera (Lazo), Cienfuegos, Palacios — Gonzalez, Ulloa (Coreas).
**Bermuda:** Adams — Wade, Paynter, Stevens, Astwood — Jennings, Smith, Goater, Cann — Lightbourne (Swan), Jennings (Bascome).

**Nov 1 = Toronto — WC CONCACAF gp B**
**CANADA 1** (Mitchell 53)
**JAMAICA 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 8,137. **Ref:** Morales (Guat)
**Canada:** Dolan — Sarantopoulos, Yallop, Samuels, Sweeney — Valentine, Miller, Norman — Mitchell;, Peschisolido (Hooper 74), Bunbury.
**Jamaica:** Barratt — Gaynor, Corbett, Smith, Brown — Pitt (Reid 67), Wright, Anglin, Hamilton (Ziadie 82) — Isaacs, Davis.

**Nov 1 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp A**
**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 0**
**IRAN 0**
**Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Al-Sharif (Syr)

*France's Gravelaine (right) and Finland's Ukkonen in action.*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**

**Oct 30 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp A**
**IRAN 2** (Peyoos 30, Ghayeghran 80)
**NORTH KOREA 0**
**HT:** 1-0.

**Oct 30 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp A**
**JAPAN 0**
**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 0**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

**Oct 31 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp B**
**CHINA 0**
**THAILAND 0**

**Nov 1 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp A**
**JAPAN 1** (Nakayama 80)
**N KOREA 1** (Kim Gwang Min Za 29)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Al-Jassas (Kuw)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**Nov 2 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp B**
**SAUDI ARABIA 4** (Saeed Owairan 4, Fahad Bishi 10, 72, Yousef Thunyan 61)
**THAILAND 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Mohammed Ali Bujsaim (UAE)

**Nov 2 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp B**
**CHINA 2** (Peng Weiguo 44, 58)
**QATAR 1** (Khalifa AtSulaiti 20)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 4,500.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**Nov 3 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp A**
**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 2** (Mubarak 81, 86)
**N KOREA 1** (Kim Gwang Min 63)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Jouini Neji (Tun)

**Nov 3 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup gp A**
**JAPAN 1** (Miura 85)
**IRAN 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Al Sharif (Syr)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**Nov 4 = Tunis — intl friendly**
**TUNISIA 1** (Boukaddida 72)
**FINLAND 1** (Chihi og 23)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Medjiba (Alg)
**Tunisia:** Yazidi (Bedoui 77) — Mhadhebi, Mizouri, Boukaddida, Ben Naji — S Sellimi (Thabet 85), Chihi (Nasri 46), Ben Belgacem, L Rouissi (Ben Pahar 46) — Hamrouni, A Selimi.
**Finland:** Piami — Kinnunen, Hyyrylainen, Kanerva, Remes — Tauriainen (Hytia 82), Litmanen, Hjelm — Jarvinen, Vanhala (Nurmuva 65), Sumiala (Rinne 54).

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

**Nov 6 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup semi-final**
**JAPAN 3** (Fukuda 48, Kitizawa 57, Nakayama 84)
**CHINA 2** (Xie Yuxin 1, Li Xiao 70)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Hussein Khoshkhan (Iran)

**Nov 6 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup semi-final**
**SAUDI ARABIA 2** (Saeed Owairan 67, Fahad Bishi 80)
**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Al-Jassas (Kuw)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

**Nov 8 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup Final**
**JAPAN 1** (Takagi 37)
**SAUDI ARABIA 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Al-Sharif (Syr)
**Japan:** Mackawa — Horiiko, Hashiratani, Tsunamai, Ihara — Fukuda, Ramos, Kitizawa, Yoshida (Katsuya 86) — Miura, Takagi.
**S Arabia:** Al Rzoan — Al Dosari, Al Alwi, Al Roomi, Al Al Biski, Al Muwalid, Owairan — Falatah (Mehalel 65), Al Thunyan.

**Nov 8 = Hiroshima — Asian Cup Third Place Play-off**
**CHINA 1** (Hao Haidong 15)
**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 1** (Khalid Ismail Mubarak 10)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. Ref:. Jouini Neji (Tun)
***China 4-3 on pens*** *(no extra time)*

**Nov 8 = Kingstown — WC CONCACAF gp A**
**ST VINCENT 0**
**MEXICO 4** (Alves 21, Suarez 55, Uribe 73, 78)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Smith (Jam)
**St Vincent:** Branble (Johnson 3) — Prince, Brown, Joseph, Oliveira — Crick, Jack (D Dupont 46), I Dupont — Harry, Patrick, Sutherland.
**Mexico:** Campos — Ambriz, Suarez, Ramirez, Perales, Munoz — De la Torre (Ordiales 65), Espana, Garcia, Espinoza (Uribe 65) — Alvez Zague, Hermosillo.

**Nov 8 = San Jose — WC CONCACAF gp A**
**COSTA RICA 2** (Berry 2, Arnaez 35)
**HONDURAS 3** (Flores 47, Smith 70, Obando 80)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Rodriguez (El S)
**C Rica:** Mayorga — Arnaez, Montero, Gonzalez, Marchena, Berry — Rowe, Arguedas, Ramirez (Gomez 56) — Smith (Mayorga 63), Astua.
**Honduras:** Cruz — Soto (Obando 46), Yearwood, Martinez, Castro, Anaritba — Cruz, Richardson, Smith, Calix — Suazo (Flores 65), Flores.

**Nov 8 = Vancouver — WC CONCACAF gp B**
**CANADA 2** (Miller 13, Mitchell 71)
**EL SALVADOR 3** (Rivera 44, Ulloa 52, 89)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 6,269. **Ref:** Castillanos (Mex)
**Canada:** Dolan — Sarantopoulos, Yallop, Samuels, Sweeney — Limniatis (Catliff 12), Valentine (Peschisolido 64), Miller, Norman — Mitchell, Bunbury.
**El Salvador:** Garcia — Abrego, Carcamo, Trigueiros, Osorio — Rivera, Castro, Cienfuegos — Goznalez, Ulloa, Palacios (Lazo 88).

**Nov 8 = Kingston — WC CONCACAF gp B**
**JAMAICA 3** (Wright 5, 85, Reed 8)
**BERMUDA 2** (Paynter 66, Shaun Goater 68)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Gutierrez (C Rica)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**Nov 11 = Tirana — WC Euro gp 3**
**ALBANIA 1** (Kepa 67)
**LATVIA 1** (Alexeyenko 3)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 3,500.
**Albania:** Strakosha — Zmijani, Lekbello, Vata, Peqini, Demollari, Fortuzi, Kacaj, Rrakallio, Kushta (Prenja 67; Bisha 74), Kepa.
**Latvia:** Karavayev — Gnedoi, Sprogis, Bulters, Ivanov, Glazov (Popkov 46), Sheslyakov, Alexeyenko, Stradnikh, Linarts, Astafiev.

**Nov 11 = Salonika — WC Euro gp 5**
**GREECE 0**
**HUNGARY 0**
**Att:** 40,000.
**Greece:** Mirtsos — Apostolakis, Pahaturidis, Manolas, Kolitsidakis, Tsaluhidis, Mitropulos, Nioplias, Dimnitriadis (Vaitsis 46), Tursunidis, Tsiantakis (Franceskos 63).
**Hungary:** Petry — L Disztl, Limperger, Lorincz, Nagy, Urban, Lipcsei, Kiprich (Salloi 32), Meszaros (Paling 78), Tibor Balog, K Kovacs.

**Nov 11 = Tel-Aviv/Ramat Gan — WC Euro gp 6**
**ISRAEL 1** (Banin 42)
**SWEDEN 3** (Limpar 37, Dahlin 58, Ingesson 74)
**HT:** 1-1. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swz)
**Israel:** Ginzburg — Avi Cohen, Harazi (Berkovich 61), Hazan, Ben Shimon, Klinger, Banin, Nimni, Revivo (S Tikva 70), Zohar, Rosenthal.
**Sweden:** Ravelli — R Nilsson, P Andersson, Bjorklund, Ljung — Limpar, Rehn, Ingesson, Thern — Dahlin (Ekstrom 82), Brolin (Landberg 87).

**Nov 11 = Paris/St Ouen — intl friendly**
**BULGARIA 1** (Balakov 29)
**PORTUGAL 2** (Semedo 16, Oceano 33pen)
**HT:** 1-2. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)
**Bulgaria:** Mikhailov (Ananiev 46) — Hubchev (Kiriakov 61), T Ivanov, N Iliev, Tzvetanov, Metkov, Sirakov (Z Yankov 71), Balakov (Nankov 46), Alexandrov (I Iliev 46), E Kostadinov, Penev.
**Portugal:** Vitor Baia (Silvino 46)- Joao Pinto I (Filipe Ramos 71), Helder, Petxe, Jorge Costa, Fernando Mendes — Vitor Paneira (Jorge Couto 82), Oceano, Semedo (Goncalves 89) — Cadete (Pedro 88), Jaime Magalhaes (Rui Filipe 68).

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

**Nov 14 = Bucharest — WC Euro gp 4**
**ROMANIA 1** (Dumitrescu 48)
**CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1** (Nemecek 79 pen)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Worral (Eng)
**Romania:** Stelea — Petrescu, Belodedici, Mihali, Munteanu, Sabau, Lupescu (D Timofte 78), Hagi, Dumitrescu, Lacatus, Hanganu (Madoiu 66).
**Czechoslovakia:** Kouba — Novotny, Glonek, Suchoparek, Hapal, Latal, Nemecek, Moravcik, Nemec (Frydek 15), Siegl, Skuhravy (P Kuka 37).

**Nov 14 = Paris — WC Euro gp 6**
**FRANCE 2** (Papin 17, Cantona 31)
**FINLAND 1** (Jarvinen 54)
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Marko (Cz)
**France:** Martini — Roche, Boli, Casoni, Durand (Karembeu 71), Sauzee, Deschamps, Lizarazu, Papin, Cantona, Gravelaine (Vahirua 78).
**Finland:** Laukkanen — Holmgren, Kanerva, Ukkonen, Petaja (Kinnunen 85), Hjelm, Litmanen, Myyry, Jarvinen, Tarkkio, Patelainen (Tauriainen 25).

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**Nov 18 = Brussels/Parc Astrid — WC Euro gp 4**
**BELGIUM 2** (Staelens 53, Degryse 58)
**WALES 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Damgaard (Den)
**Belgium:** Preud'homme — Medved, Grun, Albert, Smidts, Staelens (Wilmots 82), Van der Elst, Boffin, Degryse, Scifo, Czerniatynski (Nilis 46).
**Wales:** Southall — Phillips, Bowen (Giggs 60), Blackmore, Young, Symons, Horne, Saunders, Rush, Hughes, Speed (Pembridge 80).

**Nov 18 = Wembley — WC Euro gp 2**
**ENGLAND 4** (Gascoigne 16, 61, Shearer 28, Pearce 60)
**TURKEY 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 42,984. **Ref:** Karlsson (Swe)
**England:** Woods — Dixon, Pearce, Palmer, Walker, Adams, Platt, Gascoigne, Shearer, I Wright, Ince.
**Turkey:** Hayrettin — Recep, Bulent, Gokhan, Ogun, Orhan, Hami (Riza 69), Unal, Mehmet (Ugur 46), Oguz, Hakan.

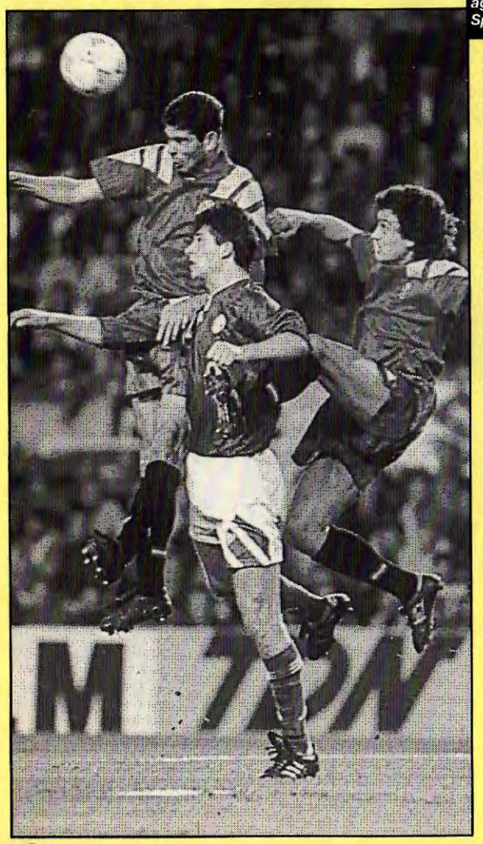
**Nov 18 = Belfast/Windsor Park — WC Euro gp 3**
**N IRELAND 0**
**DENMARK 1** (Larsen 51)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Puhl (Hun)
**N Ireland:** Fettis — Fleming, Taggart, McDonald, Worthington, Donaghy, Magilton, K Wilson, A Hughes, Clarke, Quinn.
**Denmark:** Schmeichel — Sivebaek, Rieper, L Olsen, Heintze, Vilfort, Jensen, Larsen, Povlsen, B Laudrup, Elstrup.

**Nov 18 = Glasgow/Ibrox — WC Euro gp 1**
**SCOTLAND 0**
**ITALY 0**
**Att:** 33,029. **Ref:** Schmidhuber (Ger)
**Scotland:** Goram — McPherson, Malpas, McStay, McLaren, Whyte, Durie (Jess 71), McAllister, McCoist, Durrant, Boyd.
**Italy:** Pagliuca — Mannini, Di Chiara (Costacurta 7), Maldini, Baresi, Lentini, Albertini, Eranio, Bianchi, Signori (Donadoni 46), Baggio.

**Nov 18 = Seville/Sanchez Pizjuan — WC Euro gp 3**
**SPAIN 0**
**REP IRELAND 0**
**Att:** 33,000. **Ref:** Constantin (Bel)
**Spain:** Zubizarreta — Ferrer, Goikoetxea, Solozabal, *Lopez, Hierro, Salinas (Bakero 52), Michel, Butragueno (Beguiristain 60), Martin Vazquez, Amor.
* Lopez sent off, 60min.
**Rep Ireland:** Bonner — Irwin, Phelan, Moran, Keane, Townsend, McGrath, Houghton, Staunton, Aldridge, Quinn.

**Nov 18 = Bern — WC Euro gp 1**
**SWITZERLAND 3** (Bickel 2, Sforza 42, Chapuisat 89)
**MALTA 0**
**HT:** 2-0. **Att:** 14,200.
**Switzerland:** Pascolo — Hottiger, Geiger, Egli, R. Rothenbuhler, Bickel (Bonvin 82), Bregy, Sforza, A Sutter, Knup (Turkyilmaz 75), Chapuisat.
**Malta:** Cluett — Buttigieg, Buhagiar, Galea (Edwin Camilleri 17), S Vella, Brincat, Gregory, Joe Camilleri, Saliba, R. Vella (Scerri 75), Busuttil.

*Aerial power . . . Shearer dives to head England's second against Turkey (above), but Spain stop Ireland's Quinn (left).*



**Nov 18 = Nurnberg — intl friendly**
**GERMANY 0**
**AUSTRIA 0**
**Att:** 46,000. **Ref:** Worral (Eng)
**Germany:** Kopke — Buchwald, Helmer, Kohler, Reuter, Effenberg, K Reinhardt (Moller 46), Hassler, Doll, Klinsmann, Riedle (Kirsten 69).
**Austria:** Wohlfahrt (Konsel 46) — Zsak, Streiter (Polster 69), Posch, Schottel (Kuhlbauer 57), Feiersinger, Stoger, Artner, Pfeifenberger, Herzog, Ogris.

## OTHER INTERNATIONALS

**Oct 21** (Ashton Gate, Bristol): **Football League 3** (Maskell 3, 31, Allen 64), **Italian Serie B 1** (Maini 74).

## EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

**GROUP 1**
**Oct 13** *(Perth)*: **Scotland 0, Portugal 0.**
**Oct 15** *(Cremona)*: **Italy 1** (Vieri 53), **Switzerland 0. Nov 17** *(Grenchen)*: **Switzerland 4** (Camenzind 15, Margarini 28, Comisetti 30, Karlen 37), **Malta 0.**
**GROUP 2**
**Oct 6** *(Serravalle)*: **San Marino 0, Norway 3** (Strandli 26, Swift 56, Petter 76). **Oct 13** *(Utrecht)*: **Holland 1** (Van Gastel 77), **Poland 3** (Hajto 25, Wojciechowski 28, Dabrowski 49); *(Peterborough)*: **England 0, Norway 2** (Strandli 2, Haland 67). **Oct 27** *(Ankara)*: **Turkey 4** (Hasan 7, Bulent 16, 21, Mustafa 44), **San Marino 0. Nov 17** *(Brisbane Road, London)*: **England 0, Turkey 1** (Aydin 76).
**GROUP 3**
**Oct 13** *(Copenhagen/Osterbro)*: **Denmark 3** (Kristensen 14, Moller 35, 52), **Rep Ireland 2** (Dempsey 5, McGrath 84). **Nov 17** *(Tirana)*: **Albania 0, Germany 1** (Unger 21); *(Jerez)*: **Spain 2** (Kiko 24, Acosta 27), **Rep Ireland 1** (McCarthy 65).
**GROUP 4**
**Oct 13** *(Seraing)*: **Belgium 1** (Crasson 89), **Romania 0;** *(Larnaca/Papadopulos)*: **Cyprus 2** (Marios 64, Kiriakos 84), **Wales 4** (Bowen 34, Blake 39, 50, 75). **Nov 13** *(Bucharest)*: **Romania 1** (Moldovan 44), **Czechoslovakia 0. Nov 17** *(Kortrijk)*: **Belgium 3** (Crasson 25pen, Goossens 27, Walem 82), **Wales 1** (Lee Jones 21).
**GROUP 5**
**Oct 7** *(Reykjavik)*: **Iceland 1** (T Gudjonsson 81pen), **Greece 3** (Mahlas 4, Kostic 73, 88). **Oct 13** *(Moscow)*: **Russia 5, Iceland 0. Oct 27** *(Moscow)*: **Russia 2** (Sherbakov, Beshchastnikh), **Luxembourg 1** (Cardoni). **Nov 10** *(Echessa)*: **Greece 2, Hungary 1.**
**GROUP 6**
**Oct 6** *(Halmstad)*: **Sweden 6** (H Larsson 29, 40, 54, A. Bild 65, 86, Jeglertz 89), **Bulgaria 0. Oct 14** *(Behovais)*: **France 6** (Ouedec 8pen, Pedros 12, Nouma 33, Dugarry 41, 55, Vairelles 77), **Austria 1** (Thetis og 44). **Oct 27** *(Vienna)*: **Austria 1** (Pirk 15), **Israel 5** (Keisy 20, Revivo 25pen, 27, Mizrahi 75, Torjman 76). **Nov 10** *(Herzliya)*: **Israel 1, Sweden 1.**

*Northern Ireland's Donaghy and Denmark's Povlsen in a a tangle.*

# SOUTH AMERICA

## WORLD CUP — CONCACAF zone
## Second round — group B

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

**In Hamilton, Bermuda.**
**BERMUDA 1** (Lightbourne)
**EL SALVADOR 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 6,000.
● Bermuda, surprise participants in the second round, caused another surprise by beating El Salvador, generally considered much higher up in the world of soccer, with a goal 12 minutes from the end.

**In Kingston, Jamaica.**
**JAMAICA 1** (Wright)
**CANADA 1** (Mitchell)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 25,000.
● Jamaica surprisingly had three early scoring chances and then had more possession of the ball to take the lead after 70 minutes. Canada equalized five minutes from the end to get an away point in the round robin tournament with Bermuda and El Salvador from which the top two go into the zone's final round.

## FULL INTERNATIONALS

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**In Tegucigalpa, Honduras.**
**HONDURAS 1**
**EL SALVADOR 1**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

**In Montevideo, Uruguay.**
**URUGUAY 0**
**ARGENTINA 0**
**Ref:** Felix Benegas (Par).
**Uruguay:** Siboldi, Sanguinetti, Sanchez, Kanapkis, Cabrera, Matosas (Moran), Ostolaza, Zalazar, Miranda, Peletti, Guerra.
**Argentina:** Islas, F. Basualdo, Vazquez, Caceres, Saldana, Cagna (Mancuso), Villarreal, Marcico, Gorosito, Medina Bello, Acosta.
● Argentina stretched their unbeaten run to 18 full internationals, but Uruguay came closer to victory and missed most chances, forcing Islas to a number of difficult saves to keep his goal intact. Neither team fielded any of their many European-based internationals and Argentina even left out some of those available to try new blood. A poor match deserved a 0-0 score as far as quality is concerned. Zalazar shone in midfield and Peletti in attack for the Uruguayans. Kanapkis (U) and Gorosito (A) were sent off for fighting 20 minutes from the end. Although neighbours, the two countries had not previously met in Argentina's 18-match run.

**In Paranavai, Brazil.**
**BRAZIL 4** (Rai 3, one pen, Renato)
**COSTA RICA 2** (Mayorga, Jimenez)
**HT:** 3-1. **Att:** 18,450. **Ref:** Tito Rodrigues (Bra).
**Brazil:** Carlos, Luis Carlos Winck (Charles), Balbert (Benfica Alder), Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos (Lira), Axel (Luisinho), Junior (Palinha), Rai (Renato), Gaucho (Almir), Muller (Edmundo), Elivelton (Cinho).
**Costa Rica:** Mayorga (Hidalgo), Arnaez, Montero, Jimenez (Marchena), Berry (Ramirez), Arcena, Benjamin (Arguedas), Gonzalez, Meyers, Smith (Jara), Llama (Coronado).
● This match inaugurated the Rubens Felipe stadium in the small southern town of Paranavai and also served as training for World Cup qualifying, but Brazil had none of their European-based players available, winning comfortably with captain Rai scoring three goals.

**In Tegucigalpa, Honduras.**
**HONDURAS 5** (Obando, Calix 2, Suazo, Cruz)
**JAMAICA 1** (Anglin pen.)
**HT:** 0-1. **Att:** 10,000.
**Honduras:** Rivera, Anariva (Soto), Yearwood, Castro, Williams, Cruz, Funez (Calix), Rochez, Obando Castillo (Benneth), Suazo (Avila).
**Jamaica:** Barret, Smith (Peddie), Anglin (Hewitt), Wilson, Dennis (Pitt), Jarret, Palmer, Wright, Davis, Graham, Brown.

## INTER-AMERICAN CUP
*(between CONMEBOL and CONCACAF zone champion clubs tournament winners — corresponding to 1991.)*
**Final, 2nd leg**

**In Santiago, Chile.**
**COLO COLO (Chi) 3** (Rubio, Mendoza, Adomaitis)
**PUEBLA (Mex) 1** (Rotllan)
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 50,000.
***Colo Colo won 7-2 on agg.***
**Colo Colo:** Moron, Hisis, Ramirez, Margas, Mendoza, Vilches, Pizarro, Borghi (Garrido), Adomaitis, Barticciotto, Rubio (Gonzalez).
**Puebla:** Larios, Rivera, G. Gonzalez, Gutierrez, Delgado, Rotllan, Zizo (Cilmar), Lira, Ordiales, Mercado, Alvarez (Silva).
● The match was even for the first half-hour with Colo Colo always playing more calmly in view of their 4-1 first leg lead. Then Colo Colo got on top to press until they scored their first goal. Puebla fought back in the second half, but Colo Colo again got on top until the last 15 minutes when both teams slowed down and there was some rough play resulting in Gonzalez and Cilmar (Puebla) and Vilches (Colo Colo) being sent off.

## CONMEBOL CUP
**Final (2nd leg)**

**In Asuncion, Paraguay.**
**OLIMPIA (Par) 1** (Caballero)
**ATLETICO MINEIRO (Bra) 0**
HT:0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Ernesto Filippi (Uru).
***Atletico Mineiro won 2-1 on agg.***
**Olimpia:** Goycochea, Caceres (Meza), Ramirez, Nunez, Suarez, Jara, Vidal Sanabaria, Campos, Gonzalez (Caballero), M. Sanabria, Samaniego.
**At. Mineiro:** Joao Leite, Alfinete, Luis Eduardo, Ryule, Paulo Roberto, Moacir, Eder Lopes, Negrini (Andre), Sergio Araujo, Ailton (Toninho), Claudinho.
● A poor match littered with defensive soccer and violence. Mineiro, who had played some of the best soccer in the tournament right from the start, pulled their entire team into defence to defend their 2-0 first leg lead and Olimpia could not find a way through until the last minute and by then it was too late to score another goal. Claudinho (Min) was sent off 10 minutes from the end for time wasting, something in which his team had indulged all the time, and Ramirez (Ol) followed just before the end for rough play.

## SUPER CUP
*(For Libertadores Cup winners)*
**First round — 1st legs**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

**In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 2** (Villarreal, Cabanas)
**ESTUDIANTES (Arg) 1** (Capria)
**HT:** 1-1. **Ref:** Francisco Lamolina (Arg).
**Boca Juniors:** Navarro Montoya, Sonora, Giuntini, Marchesini, MacAllister, Giunta, Villarreal, Pereira, Neffa (Saturno), Cabanas, Carranza (Benetti).
**Estudiantes:** Yorno, Pratola, Iribarren, Fontana, Ramirez, Paris, Erbin, Capria (L. Suarez), Carracedo, Maydana, Larrrea (Calderon).
● Boca Juniors tried harder to win, but with little organisation and scored the winner only five minutes from the end. Estudiantes were the better organized team, but they were pressed into defence in the final stages.

**In Santos, Brazil.**
**SANTOS (Bra) 1** (Guga, pen.)
**SAO PAULO (Bra) 1** (Muller)
HT: 0-0.
**Santos:** Sergio, Indio, Junior, Luis Carlos, Flavinho, Axel, Edu Marangon, Marcelo Passos, Almir, Guga, Ranieli.
**Sao Paulo:** Zetti, Vitor, Lula, Ronaldo, Ivan, Dinho, Toninho Cerezo, Rai, Cate, Muller, Palinha.
● Sao Paulo fielded a few reserves and the game was chiefly noteworthy for the debut in Sao Paulo colours of former Brazilian international Toninho Cerezo.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

**In Santiago, Chile.**
**COLO COLO (Chi) 1** (Barticciotto)
**OLIMPIA (Par) 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Jose Torres (Col).
**Colo Colo:** Moron, Hisis, Biehl, Ramirez, Vilches, Pizarro, Adomaitis (Garrido), Mendoza, Borghi, Rubio (Gonzalez), Barticciotto.
**Olimpia:** Goycochea, Caceres, Ramirez, Nunez, Jara Heyn, Vidal Sanabria, Campos (Suarez), A. Jara, Gonzalez (Meza), Amarilla, M. Sanabria.
● Colo Colo attacked more in the first half against a well-placed and destructive Olimpia defence. In the second half Olimpia were left with 10 men (J. Jara sent off) and play became disorganized with Olimpia trying to slow the action down to avoid a heavier defeat.

**In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**ARGENTINOS JUNIORS (Arg) 1** (Trapasso, pen.)
**RIVER PLATE (Arg) 2** (Medina Bello, Silvani)
**HT:** 0-1. **Ref:** Juan Carlos Crespi (Arg).
**Argentinos Juniors:** Wirtz, Batista, Traverso, F. Lopez, Gomez, Machin, Netto, MacAllister, Trapasso, Reggiardo (Paz), Saez.
**River Plate:** Comizzo, Basualdo F., Astrada, Cocca, Altamirano, Toresani (Claut), Zapata, Da Silva, H. Diaz, Medina Bello, Silvani.
● The young Argentinos Juniors team played attractive soccer against their more experienced and better individual rivals. The result was a good match which Argentinos had chances to draw and River Plate had chances to win more easily. Comizzo had to make some difficult saves, but let through a penalty — he was unbeaten in 706 minutes of league play at the time — while Trapasso (AJ) was sent off just before the end.

**In Montevideo, Uruguay.**
**PENAROL (Uru) 2** (Paz, Pedrucci, pen)
**NACIONAL (Uru) 2** (Dely Valdez, Suarez)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Carlos Maciel (Par).
**Penarol:** Ferro, Astegiano, Correa, Rosa, Sanchez, Castro, Myers (Martinez), Dorta, Pedrucci (Silvera), Aguirre, Paz.
**Nacional:** Sere, Silva, De Leon, Mendez, Pena (Garcia), Soca, Gutierrez (O'Neill), Lemos, Suarez, Vidal Gonzalez, Dely Valdez.
● An intense match — which was not without off-field incidents common when these two big clubs meet — was even in the first half when no goals were scored, but Penarol got on top in the second half to go 2-0 ahead in the first five minutes. Nacional fought back in the second part of the second half and equalized with 12 minutes to go when Penarol were down to 10 men, Castro having been sent off 20 minutes from the end with the score 2-1.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**In Avellaneda, Argentina.**
**RACING CLUB (Arg) 2** (C. Garcia, F. Torres)
**INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 1** (Mahia)
**HT:**1-0. **Ref:** Juan Baba (Arg).
**Racing Club:** Roa, J. Reinoso, Borelli, Vallejos, Distefano, Matosas, Gendulain, Paz, C. Garcia, Graciani (C. Lopez), F. Torres (Costas).
**Independiente:** Islas, Craviotto, Gamarra, Moas, Rios, Cagna, H. Perez, G. Reinoso, Desio, Mohamed (Vitallonga), Mahia.
● A hurricane force wind caused this game to be temporarily suspended during the first half and on the re-start Racing were favoured by the wind and took a 1-0 half-time lead. Independiente had a chance to equalize with a penalty right after the restart, but Roa saved Mohamed's shot. Racing were left with 10 men for the last seven minutes, but by then they were already leading 2-0 and Independiente's only goal came in the last minute.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**In Porto Alegre, Brazil.**
**GREMIO (Bra) 1** (Junior Baiano o.g.)
**FLAMENGO (Bra) 1** (Nunes)
**HT:** 0-1. **Ref:** Marcio Rezende (Bra).
**Gremio:** Emerson, Leandro, Paulao, Joao Marcelo, Xara, Jandir, Alaercio, Caio, Aloindo, Mabilia, Jairo Lenzi.
**Flamengo:** Gilmar, Fabinho, Junior Baiano, Rogelio, Pia, Marquinhos, Junior, Luiz Antonio (Claudio), Zinho, Paulo Nunes (Djalma Dias), Gaucho.
● Flamengo took the lead just before half-time although Gremio had been the better team. Gremio lacked decision in attack while Gilmar's saves also held them up. They equalized when a Flamengo defender put the ball in his own net, but they deserved to win.

**In Medellin, Colombia.**
**NACIONAL (Col) 1** (Restrepo, pen.)
**CRUZEIRO (Bra) 1** (Renato Gaucho)
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 40,000. **Ref:** Alberto Tejada (Peru).
**Nacional:** Higuita, Herrera, Marulanda, Escobar, Osorio, Restrepo, Gomez, Gaviria, Serna, Aristizabal, Trellez.
**Cruzeiro:** Paulo Cesar, Paulo Roberto, Luizinho (Celio), Lucio, Celao, Royeiro, Luis Fernando, Greison (Arley), Betinho, Renato Gaucho, Roberto Gaucho (Edisson).
● Cruzeiro, not at full strength, gained a valuable away point. In an intense first half Nacional had the better chances and might have been awarded a couple of penalties, but when they finally were awarded one three minutes from the end of the game, Paulo Cesar saved it. Both goalkeepers shone.

## First round — 2nd legs

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**In Montevideo, Uruguay.**
**NACIONAL (Uru) 1** (Suarez)
**PENAROL (Uru) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** Enrique Marin (Uru).
***Nacional won 3-2 on agg.***
**Nacional:** Sere, Canals, Mendez, De Leon, Soca, Lemos, Gutierrez, Pena, (Garcia), Miranda (Suarez), Vidal Gonzalez, Dely Valdez.
**Penarol:** Ferro, Rosa, Astegiano, Sanchez, Diaz, Dorta (Correa), A. Martinez, Silvera (Castro), Pedrucci, A. Paz, Aguirre.
● A common clash between these two giants of Uruguayan soccer — rough, with a lot of stoppages and little good soccer. Penarol had Sanchez sent off just before half-time and were left with nine men for the last half-hour when Rosa was also given his marching orders. This eased Nacional's narrow victory.

**In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**ESTUDIANTES (Arg) 1** (Siviski)
**BOCA JUNIORS (Arg) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Juan Bava.
**Agg:** 2-2. ***Estudiantes won 4-3 on pens.***
**Estudiantes:** Yorno, Pratola, Iribarren, Erbin, Squadrone (Fontana), Siviski, Peinado (Ramirez), Lorenzo, Carracedo, Maydana, Calderon.
**Boca Juniors:** Navarro Montoya, Sonora, Medero, Giuntini, C.J. MacAllister, Pereira, Giunta, Carranza, Marcico, Saturno, Cabanas.
● Boca Juniors, playing too cautiously, never posed a serious threat for Estudiantes keeper Yorno. Estudiantes deservedly scored early in the second half and Boca never fought back, leaving the aggregate score 2-2 to produce a penalty shoot-out in which each goalkeeper saved one shot, but Boca's Sonora shot wide leaving Estudiantes 4-3 winners. The winning penalty was converted by Estudiantes goalkeeper Yorno.

**In Asuncion, Paraguay.**
**OLIMPIA (Par) 1** (Caballero)
**COLO COLO (Chi) 0**
**HT:** 0-0. **Ref:** Ulises Tabares (Bra).
**Agg:** 1-1. ***Olimpia won 3-2 on pens.***
**Olimpia:** Goycochea, Caceres, Ramirez, Ayala, Suarez, A.Jara (Caballero), Vidal Sanabria, Jorge Campos (Julio Cesar Romero), M. Sanabria, Amarilla, Gonzalez.
**Colo Colo:** Moron, Hisis, Ramirez, Biehl, Rebollo, Vilches, Adomaitis, Pizarro, Mendoza, Barticciotto, Rubio (Ramirez).
● Olimpia dominated from the start and more so towards the end of the first half when Colo Colo's goalkeeper Moron and Olimpia's Miguel Sanabria were sent off. Colo Colo played to defend their first leg 1-0 lead, but they could not fight back when Olimpia scored 20 minutes from the end. Colo Colo were down to eight men as Vilches and Mendoza were also sent off. Colo Colo's reserve goalkeeper, Ramirez saved the first two shots in the penalty shoot-out to allow his team to take a 2-0 lead, but then Argentine goalkeeper Goycochea saved the next three for Olimpia who won 3-2.

**In Buenos Aires, Argentina.**
**RIVER PLATE (Arg) 3** (Toresani, Ortega, Silvani)
**ARGENTINOS JUNIORS (Arg) 0**
**HT:** 1-0. **Ref:** Juan C. Biscay (Arg).
***River Plate won 5-1 on agg.***
**River Plate:** Comizzo, Dominquez, Balbis, Cocca, Altamirano, Zapata (Astrada), Claut, Toresani, Medina Bello (H. Diaz), Ortega, Silvani.
**Argentinos Juniors:** Silva, Batista, F. Lopez, Gomez, Cerro, Paz (MacAllister), D. Lopez (Machin), Zermatten, Trapasso, Pereyra, D'Ascanio.
● A first-minute goal by Toresani increased River Plate's aggregate lead to two goals and they continued to be more dangerous in even play as Argentinos marked badly. River Plate delivered the knock-out punch with two more goals in the first four minutes of the second half against enthusiastic but inexperienced rivals.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**In Avellaneda, Argentina.**
**RACING CLUB (Arg) 0**
**INDEPENDIENTE (Arg) 0**
**Ref:** Francisco Lamolina (Arg).
***Racing Club won 2-1 on agg.***
**Independiente:** Islas, Craviotto, Gamarra, Moas, Rios, Cagna, H. Perez, Desio, G. Reinoso (Amato), Mahia (G. Lopez), Ibanez.
**Racing Club:** Roa, J. Reinoso, Borelli, Vallejos, Distefano, Matosas, Costas, Guendulain (Allegue), Paz, Graciani, F. Torres (C. Torres).
● Independiente goalkeeper Luis Islas, desperate at the lack of punch of his forwards, took the ball up himself two minutes from the end and hit the crossbar with a hard shot in an effort to tie the aggregate score and force a penalty shoot-out. This was the highlight of a poor, disorganized match with Racing doing most of the disorganizing and time wasting to freeze the game. Independentie attacked more, but lacked ideas and were too slow.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**

**In Sao Paulo, Brazil**
**SAO PAULO (Bra) 4** (Rai, Palinha, Valder, Dinho)
**SANTOS (Bra) 1** (Guga)
**HT:** 2-1. **Att:** 10,000.
***Sao Paulo won 5-2 on agg.***
● Sao Paulo, making their debut in this competition as the most recent first time Libertadores Cup winners (this year) had no trouble in beating their Sao Paulo League rivals 5-2 on aggregate.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

**In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.**
**FLAMENGO (Bra) 1** (Rogerio)
**GREMIO (Bra) 0**
**HT:** 1-0.
***Flamengo won 2-1 on agg.***
**Flamengo:** Gilmar, Fabinho, Junior Baiano, Wilson Gottardo, Rogerio, Pia, Marquinhos, Junior, Julio Cesar, Paulo Nunes, Gaucho.
**Gremio:** Emerson, Leandro, Paulao, Joao Marcelo, Xara, Jandir, Alaercio, Cato, Alcindo, Mabilia, Jairo Lenzi.
● After drawing the first leg, both teams went out to win with fast and attacking play and it might have gone either way.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**

**In Belo Horizonte, Brazil.**
**CRUZEIRO (Bra) 6** (Renato Gaucho 5, Luis Fernando, Nonato, Cleison)
**NACIONAL (Col) 0**
**HT:** 3-0.
***Cruzeiro won 9-1 on agg.***
● Nacional officials thought that after being held to a 1-1 draw at home they would have no chance and sent a reserve team to Brazil, preferring to rest their first teamers for the domestic championship.

## CONCACAF Club (Champions) Trophy Semi-finals

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**In San Jose, Costa Rica.**
**ALAJUELENSE (CR) 2** (Badilla, Quiroz)
**L'AIGLON DU LAMBETIN (Martenique) 1** (Fondelot)
**HT:** 1-0.
**Alajuelense:** Mayorga, Chinchila, Peinado, Chaco, Gonzalez, Ramirez, Arrelleras (Vizquez), Quiroz, Jara, Badilla, Berry (Sing).
**L'Aiglon Du Lambetin:** Terry, Philips, M. Berry, Willie, Volganne, Flie, F. Bruno, Fondelot, Olivier, Miguel, G. Bruno.

**In Mexico City, Mexico.**
**AMERICA (Mex) 7** (Dominguez, Alvez, Farfan, Martellotto 2, Sanchez pen, Redondo).
**ROBIN HOOD (Sur) 0**
**HT:** 4-0.
**America:** Garcia, Naranjo, Bernardo, Redondo, De los Santos, Dominquez, Bartellotto, Hernandez, Sanchez, Alvez, Simental.
**Robin Hood:** Pique, Brown, Urswyk, Griffith, Tol, Poetist, Belgrace (Toss), Reihard, Anchez, Rosental (Kol), Olieegmbert.

## MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS

**Oct. 13:** Boca Juniors reserves (Arg) 1, Sevilla (Spa) 3.
**Oct. 15:** Boca Juniors (Arg) 2, Sevilla (Spa) 3.

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## 1994 WORLD CUP QUALIFYING GROUPS

### EUROPE

**38 entries** (39 members, Liechtenstein withdrew)

● *Top two teams in each Group qualify for finals (Germany qualify as holders).*

**GROUP 1**
**Italy, Scotland, Portugal, Switzerland, Malta, Estonia.**

16.08.92 Estonia v Switzerland 0-6
09.09.92 Switzerland v Scotland 3-1
14.10.92 Italy v Switzerland 2-2
14.10.92 Scotland v Portugal 0-0
25.10.92 Malta v Estonia 0-0
18.11.92 Scotland v Italy 0-0
18.11.92 Switzerland v Malta 3-0
19.12.92 Malta v Italy
24.01.93 Malta v Portugal
17.02.93 Scotland v Malta
24.02.93 Portugal v Italy
24.03.93 Italy v Malta
31.03.93 Switzerland v Portugal
14.04.93 Italy v Estonia
17.04.93 Malta v Switzerland
28.04.93 Portugal v Scotland
01.05.93 Switzerland v Italy
12.05.93 Estonia v Malta
19.05.93 Estonia v Scotland
02.06.93 Scotland v Estonia
19.06.93 Portugal v Malta
05.09.93 Estonia v Portugal
08.09.93 Scotland v Switzerland
22.09.93 Estonia v Italy
13.10.93 Portugal v Switzerland
13.10.93 Italy v Scotland
10.11.93 Portugal v Estonia
17.11.93 Italy v Portugal
17.11.93 Malta v Scotland
17.11.93 Switzerland v Estonia

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| Italy | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Scotland | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Portugal | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Malta | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Estonia | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 |

**GROUP 2**
**England, Holland, Poland, Norway, Turkey, San Marino.**

09.09.92 Norway v San Marino 10-0
23.09.92 Norway v Holland 2-1
23.09.92 Poland v Turkey 1-0
07.10.92 San Marino v Norway 0-2
14.10.92 England v Norway 1-1
14.10.92 Holland v Poland 2-2
28.10.92 Turkey v San Marino 4-1
18.11.92 England v Turkey 4-0
16.12.92 Turkey v Holland
17.02.93 England v San Marino
24.02.93 Holland v Turkey
10.03.93 San Marino v Turkey
24.03.93 Holland v San Marino
31.03.93 Turkey v England
28.04.93 England v Holland
28.04.93 Norway v Turkey
28.04.93 Poland v San Marino
19.05.93 San Marino v Poland
29.05.93 Poland v England
02.06.93 Norway v England
09.06.93 Holland v Norway
08.09.93 England v Poland
22.09.93 Norway v Poland
22.09.93 San Marino v Holland
13.10.93 Holland v England
13.10.93 Poland v Norway
27.10.93 Turkey v Poland
10.11.93 Turkey v Norway
16.11.93 San Marino v England
17.11.93 Poland v Holland

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| England | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Poland | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Turkey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| Holland | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| San Marino | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 0 |

**GROUP 3**
**Spain, Republic of Ireland, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Albania, Lithuania, Latvia.**

22.04.92 Spain v Albania 3-0
28.04.92 Northern Ireland v Lithuania 2-2
26.05.92 Rep. of Ireland v Albania 2-0
03.06.92 Albania v Lithuania 1-0
12.08.92 Latvia v Lithuania 1-2
26.08.92 Latvia v Denmark 0-0
09.09.92 Rep. of Ireland v Latvia 4-0
09.09.92 Northern Ireland v Albania 3-0
23.09.92 Latvia v Spain 0-0
23.09.92 Lithuania v Denmark 0-0
14.10.92 Denmark v Rep. of Ireland 0-0
14.10.92 Northern Ireland v Spain 0-0
28.10.92 Lithuania v Latvia 1-1
11.11.92 Albania v Latvia 1-1
18.11.92 Northern Ireland v Denmark 0-1
18.11.92 Spain v Rep. of Ireland 0-0
16.12.92 Spain v Latvia
17.02.93 Albania v Northern Ireland
24.02.93 Spain v Lithuania
31.03.93 Denmark v Spain
31.03.93 Rep. of Ireland v Northern Ireland
14.04.93 Denmark v Latvia
14.04.93 Lithuania v Albania
28.04.93 Rep. of Ireland v Denmark
28.04.93 Spain v Northern Ireland
15.05.93 Latvia v Albania
25.05.93 Lithuania v Northern Ireland
26.05.93 Albania v Rep. of Ireland
02.06.93 Denmark v Albania
02.06.93 Latvia v Northern Ireland
02.06.93 Lithuania v Spain
09.06.93 Latvia v Rep. of Ireland
16.06.93 Lithuania v Rep. of Ireland
25.08.93 Denmark v Lithuania
08.09.93 Albania v Denmark
08.09.93 Rep. of Ireland v Lithuania
08.09.93 Northern Ireland v Latvia
22.05.93 Albania v Spain
13.10.93 Denmark v Northern Ireland
13.10.93 Rep. of Ireland v Spain
17.11.93 Northern Ireland v Rep. of Ireland
17.11.93 Spain v Denmark

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rep. of Ireland | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Spain | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Denmark | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Lithuania | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| N. Ireland | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Latvia | 6 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| Albania | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 3 |

**GROUP 4**
**Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Wales, Cyprus, Faroe Islands.**

22.04.92 Belgium v Cyprus 1-0
06.05.92 Romania v Faroe Islands 7-0
20.05.92 Romania v Wales 5-1
03.06.92 Faroe Islands v Belgium 0-3
18.06.92 Faroe Islands v Cyprus 0-2
02.09.92 Czechoslovakia v Belgium 1-2
09.09.92 Wales v Faroe Islands 6-0
23.09.92 Czechoslovakia v Faroe Islands 4-0
14.10.92 Belgium v Romania 1-0
14.10.92 Cyprus v Wales 0-1
14.11.92 Romania v Czechoslovakia 1-1
18.11.92 Wales v Belgium 2-0
29.11.92 Cyprus v Romania
02.01.93 Cyprus v Belgium
24.03.93 Cyprus v Czechoslovakia
31.03.93 Belgium v Wales
14.04.93 Romania v Cyprus
25.04.93 Cyprus v Faroe Islands
28.04.93 Czechoslovakia v Wales
22.05.93 Belgium v Faroe Islands
02.06.93 Czechoslovakia v Romania
06.06.93 Faroe Islands v Wales
16.06.93 Faroe Islands v Czechoslovakia
08.09.93 Wales v Czechoslovakia
08.09.93 Faroe Islands v Romania
13.10.93 Romania v Belgium
13.10.93 Wales v Cyprus
27.10.93 Czechoslovakia v Cyprus
17.11.93 Wales v Romania
17.11.93 Belgium v Czechoslovakia

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belgium | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 10 |
| Romania | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 3 | 5 |
| Wales | 4 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| Czechoslovakia | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| Cyprus | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Faroe Islands | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 22 | 0 |

**GROUP 5**
**Russia, Hungary, Greece, Iceland, Luxembourg.**

13.05.92 Greece v Iceland 1-0
03.06.92 Hungary v Iceland 1-2
09.09.92 Luxembourg v Hungary 0-3
07.10.92 Iceland v Greece 0-1
14.10.92 Russia v Iceland 1-0
28.10.92 Russia v Luxembourg 2-0
11.11.92 Greece v Hungary 0-0
17.02.93 Greece v Luxembourg
31.03.93 Hungary v Greece
14.04.93 Luxembourg v Russia
28.04.93 Russia v Hungary
20.05.93 Russia v Greece
20.05.93 Luxembourg v Iceland
02.06.93 Iceland v Russia
16.06.93 Iceland v Hungary
08.09.93 Hungary v Russia
08.09.93 Iceland v Luxembourg
12.10.93 Luxembourg v Greece
27.10.93 Hungary v Luxembourg
17.11.93 Greece v Russia
★ *Yugoslavia suspended.*

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greece | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 |
| Russia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Hungary | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Iceland | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Luxembourg | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |

**GROUP 6**
**France, Austria, Sweden, Bulgaria, Finland, Israel.**

14.05.92 Finland v Bulgaria 0-3
09.09.92 Bulgaria v France 2-0
09.09.92 Finland v Sweden 0-1
07.10.92 Sweden v Bulgaria 3-0
14.10.92 France v Austria 2-0
28.10.92 Austria v Israel 5-2
11.11.92 Israel v Sweden 1-3
14.11.92 France v Finland 2-1
02.12.92 Israel v Bulgaria
17.02.93 Israel v France
27.03.93 Austria v France
14.04.93 Austria v Bulgaria
28.04.93 France v Sweden
28.04.93 Bulgaria v Finland
12.05.93 Bulgaria v Israel
13.05.93 Finland v Austria
19.05.93 Sweden v Austria
02.06.93 Sweden v Israel
16.06.93 Finland v Israel
22.08.93 Sweden v France
25.08.93 Austria v Finland
08.09.93 Finland v France
08.09.93 Bulgaria v Sweden
13.10.93 France v Israel
13.10.93 Bulgaria v Austria
13.10.93 Sweden v Finland
27.20.93 Israel v Austria
10.11.93 Austria v Sweden
10.11.93 Israel v Finland
17.11.93 France v Bulgaria

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bulgaria | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Sweden | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| France | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Austria | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 |
| Finland | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| Israel | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 0 |

### AFRICA

**37 entries** (48 members)

● *Group winners qualify for Second Round of 3 mini leagues of 3 teams each. Winners qualify for finals.*

**First Round**
**GROUP A**
**Algeria, Ghana, Burundi.**

09.10.92 Algeria v Burundi 3-1
25.10.92 Burundi v Ghana 1-0
20.12.92 Ghana v Algeria
17.01.93 Burundi v Algeria
31.01.93 Ghana v Burundi
26.02.93 Algeria v Ghana
★ *Uganda withdrew*

**GROUP B**
**Cameroon, Zaire, Liberia, Swaziland.**

11.10.92 Zaire v Liberia 4-2
18.10.92 Cameroon v Swaziland 5-0
25.10.92 Liberia v Cameroon —postponed
25.10.92 Swaziland v Zaire 1-0
20.12.92 Swaziland v Liberia
20.12.92 Zaire v Cameroon
17.01.93 Swaziland v Cameroon
17.01.93 Liberia v Zaire
31.01.93 Cameroon v Liberia
31.01.93 Zaire v Swaziland
28.02.93 Cameroon v Zaire
28.02.93 Liberia v Swaziland

**GROUP C**
**Egypt, Zimbabwe, Togo, Angola.**

11.10.92 Egypt v Angola 1-0
11.10.92 Zimbabwe v Togo 1-0
25.10.92 Angola v Zimbabwe - postponed
25.10.92 Togo v Egypt 1-4
20.12.92 Angola v Togo
20.12.92 Zimbabwe v Egypt
17.01.93 Angola v Egypt
17.01.93 Togo v Zimbabwe
31.01.93 Egypt v Togo
31.01.93 Zimbabwe v Angola
28.02.93 Egypt v Zimbabwe
28.02.93 Togo v Angola
★ *Sierra Leone withdrew, Togo replaced them.*

**GROUP D**
**Nigeria, Congo, South Africa.**

10.10.92 Nigeria v South Africa 4-0
25.10.92 South Africa v Congo 1-0
20.12.92 Congo v Nigeria
17.01.93 South Africa v Nigeria
31.01.93 Congo v South Africa
27.02.93 Nigeria v Congo
★ *Sao Tome e Principe withdrew, Libya were suspended.*

**GROUP E**
**Ivory Coast, Niger, Botswana.**

10.10.92 Ivory Coast v Botswana 6-0
25.10.92 Niger v Ivory Coast 0-0
20.12.92 Botswana v Niger
17.01.93 Botswana v Ivory Coast
31.01.93 Ivory Coast v Niger
28.02.93 Niger v Botswana
★ *Sudan withdrew*

**GROUP F**
**Morocco, Tunisia, Ethiopia, Benin.**

11.10.92 Morocco v Ethiopia 5-0
11.10.92 Tunisia v Benin 5-1
25.10.92 Ethiopia v Tunisia 0-0
25.10.92 Benin v Morocco 0-1
20.12.92 Tunisia v Morocco
20.12.92 Ethiopia v Benin
17.01.93 Ethiopia v Morocco
17.01.93 Benin v Tunisia
31.01.93 Tunisia v Ethiopia
31.01.93 Morocco v Benin
28.03.93 Benin v Ethiopia
28.03.93 Morocco v Tunisia
★ *Malawi withdrew, Benin replaced them.*

**GROUP G**
**Senegal, Gabon, Mozambique.**

11.10.92 Gabon v Mozambique 3-1
25.10.92 Mozambique v Senegal 0-1
19.12.92 Gabon v Senegal
17.02.93 Mozambique v Gabon
30.01.93 Senegal v Mozambique
27.02.93 Senegal v Gabon
★ *Mauritania withdrew*

**GROUP H**
**Zambia, Madagascar, Tanzania, Namibia.**

10.10.92 Zambia v Tanzania 2-0
11.01.92 Madagascar v Namibia 3-0
24.10.92 Tanzania v Madagascar 0-0
25.10.92 Namibia v Zambia 0-4
19.12.92 Tanzania v Namibia
20.12.92 Madagascar v Zambia
16.01.93 Tanzania v Zambia
17.01.93 Namibia v Madagascar
30.01.93 Zambia v Namibia
31.01.93 Madagascar v Tanzania
27.02.93 Zambia v Madagascar
28.02.93 Namibia v Tanzania
★ *Burkina Faso withdrew, Namibia replaced them.*

**GROUP I**
**Kenya, Guinea.**

11.10.92 Guinea v Mali* 2-0
* *Mali forfeited, match void*
20.12.92 Guinea v Kenya
27.02.93 Kenya v Guinea
★ *Gambia & Mali withdrew*

### CONCACAF

**23 entries** (27 members, Cuba withdrew)

● *Winners of Group A play (home & away) against winners of Group B. Winning nation qualifies for finals. Runners-up play Oceania winners for right to play South America Group A runners-up for a place in the finals (United States qualify as hosts).*

**Pre-preliminary Round**
**CARIBBEAN REGION — NORTH**

21.03.92 Dominican Rep. v P. Rico 1-2
22.03.92 St Lucia v St Vincent 1-0
29.03.92 P. Rico v Dominican Rep. 1-1
29.03.92 St Vincent v St Lucia 3-1

**Preliminary Round**
**CARIBBEAN REGION — NORTH**

26.04.92 Bermuda v Haiti 1-0
25.05.92 Jamaica v Puerto Rico 2-1
25.05.92 Haiti v Bermuda 2-1
30.05.92 Puerto Rico v Jamaica 0-1
St Vincent v Cuba*
* *Cuba withdrew.*
***St Vincent, Bermuda & Jamaica qualify for 1st md***

**CARIBBEAN REGION — SOUTH**

19.04.92 Dutch Antilles v Antigua 1-1
26.04.92 Antigua v Dutch Antilles 3-0
26.04.92 Guyana v Surinam 1-2
24.05.92 Barbados v Trin. & Tobago 1-2
25.05.92 Surinam v Guyana 1-1
31.05.92 Trin. & Tobago v Barbados 3-0
***Trinidad & Tobago, Antigua and Surinam qualify for 1st rnd***

**First Round**
**CENTRAL REGION**

19.07.92 Guatemala v Honduras 0-0
19.07.92 Nicaragua v El Salvador 0-5
23.07.92 El Salvador v Nicaragua 5-1
26.07.92 Honduras v Guatemala 2-0
16.08.92 Panama v Costa Rica 1-0
23.08.92 Costa Rica v Panama 5-1
***El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica qualify for 2nd round***

**CARIBBEAN REGION**

14.06.92 Antigua v Bermuda 0-3
05.07.92 Trinidad & Tobago v Jamaica 1-2
04.07.92 Bermuda v Antigua 2-1
02.08.92 Surinam v St Vincent 0-0
16.08.92 Jamaica v Trinidad & Tobago 1-1
30.08.92 St Vincent v Surinam 2-1
***Bermuda, Jamaica and St Vincent qualify for 2nd round***

**Second Round**
**GROUP A**

08.11.92 Costa Rica v Honduras 2-3
08.11.92 St Vincent v Mexico 0-4
15.11.92 Mexico v Honduras 2-0
15.11.92 St Vincent v Costa Rica 0-1
22.11.92 Mexico v Costa Rica 4-0
22.11.92 St Vincent v Honduras 0-4
28.11.92 Honduras v St Vincent
29.11.92 Costa Rica v Mexico
05.12.92 Honduras v Costa Rica
06.12.92 Mexico v St Vincent
13.12.92 Costa Rica v St Vincent
13.12.92 Honduras v Mexico

**GROUP B**

18.10.92 Jamaica v Canada 1-1
18.10.92 Bermuda v El Salvador 1-0
25.10.92 El Salvador v Canada 1-1
25.10.92 Bermuda v Jamaica 1-1
01.11.92 Canada v Jamaica 1-0
01.11.92 El Salvador v Bermuda 4-1
08.11.92 Canada v El Salvador 2-3
08.11.92 Jamaica v Bermuda 3-2
15.11.92 Canada v Bermuda 4-2
22.11.92 Jamaica v El Salvador 0-2
06.12.92 Bermuda v Canada
06.12.92 El Salvador v Jamaica

### SOUTH AMERICA

**9 entries** (10 members, Chile suspended)

● *Winners of Group A & winners & runners-up in Group B qualify for finals. Group A runners-up play winners of CONCACAF/ South America play-off for a place in the finals.*

**GROUP A**
**Argentina, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru.**

01.08.93 Colombia v Paraguay
01.08.93 Peru v Argentina
08.08.93 Paraguay v Argentina
08.08.93 Peru v Colombia
15.08.93 Colombia v Argentina
15.08.93 Paraguay v Peru
22.08.93 Argentina v Peru
22.08.93 Paraguay v Colombia
29.08.93 Argentina v Paraguay
29.08.93 Colombia v Peru
05.09.93 Argentina v Colombia
05.09.93 Peru v Paraguay

**GROUP B**
**Brazil, Uruguay, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela.**

08.07.93 Ecuador v Brazil
08.07.93 Venezuela v Bolivia
25.07.93 Bolivia v Brazil
25.07.93 Venezuela v Uruguay
01.08.93 Uruguay v Ecuador
01.08.93 Venezuela v Brazil
08.08.93 Bolivia v Uruguay
08.08.93 Ecuador v Venezuela
15.08.33 Bolivia v Ecuador
15.08.93 Uruguay v Brazil
22.08.93 Bolivia v Venezuela
22.08.93 Brazil v Ecuador
29.08.93 Brazil v Bolivia
29.08.93 Uruguay v Venezuela
05.09.93 Brazil v Venezuela
05.09.93 Uruguay v Ecuador
12.09.93 Uruguay v Bolivia
12.09.93 Venezuela v Ecuador
19.09.93 Brazil v Uruguay
19.09.93 Ecuador v Bolivia

### OCEANIA

**7 entries** (8 members, Western Samoa withdrew)

● *The two Group winners play (home & away) with the winners qualifying to meet the CONCACAF runners-up. The winners of that match will meet the South America Group A runners-up for a place in the finals.*

**GROUP 1**
**Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Australia**

11.07.92 Solomon Islands v Tahiti 1-1
04.09.92 Solomon Islands v Australia 1-2
11.09.92 Tahiti v Australia 0-3
20.09.92 Australia v Tahiti 2-0
25.09.92 Australia v Solomon Islands 6-1
09.10.92 Tahiti v Solomon Islands 4-2

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Australia | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 2 | 8 |
| Tahiti | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| Solomon Islands | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 1 |

**GROUP 2**
**New Zealand, Fiji, Vanuatu.**

07.06.92 New Zealand v Fiji 3-0
27.06.92 Vanuatu v New Zealand 1-4
01.07.92 New Zealand v Vanuatu 8-0
12.09.92 Fiji v Vanuatu 3-0
19.09.92 Fiji v New Zealand 0-0
26.09.92 Vanuatu v Fiji 0-3

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Zealand | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 7 |
| Fiji | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 |
| Vanuatu | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 0 |

### ASIA

**29 entries** (36 members)

● *The six Group winners qualify for Second Round, to be played as (home & away) one mini-league. Winners & runners-up qualify for finals.*

**First Round**
**GROUP A**
China, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Pakistan,

**GROUP B**
Iran, Syria, Oman, Taiwan, Myanmar (formerly Burma).

**GROUP C**
North Korea, Qatar, Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia.

**GROUP D**
South Korea, Bahrain, Hong Kong, Lebanon, India.

**GROUP E**

01.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Macao*
01.05.93 Malaysia v Kuwait*
03.05.93 Kuwait v Macao*
03.05.93 Malaysia v Saudi Arabia*
05.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Kuwait*
05.05.93 Malaysia v Macao*
14.05.93 Malaysia v Kuwait+
14.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Macao+
16.05.93 Macao v Kuwait+
16.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Malaysia+
18.05.93 Malaysia v Macao+
18.05.93 Saudi Arabia v Kuwait+
* *in Kuala Lumpur*
\+ *in Riyadh*

**GROUP F**

08.04.93 Japan v Thailand
08.04.93 Sri Lanka v UAE
11.04.93 Japan v Bangladesh
11.04.93 Thailand v Sri Lanka
13.04.93 Sri Lanka v Bangladesh
13.04.93 UAE v Thailand
15.04.93 Japan v Sri Lanka
15.04.93 UAE v Bangladesh
18.04.93 Japan v UAE
18.04.93 Thailand v Bangladesh
28.04.93 Thailand v Japan
28.04.93 UAE v Sri Lanka
30.04.93 Bangladesh v Japan
30.04.93 Thailand v UAE
03.05.93 Bangladesh v UAE
03.05.93 Sri Lanka v Thailand
05.05.93 Bangladesh v Thailand
05.05.93 Sri Lanka v Japan
07.05.93 Bangladesh v Sri Lanka
07.05.93 UAE v Japan

**WORLD CUP ROUND-UP BY JOHN KELLY**

## Tales of the unexpected

**WITH a year of World Cup qualifiers almost completed in Europe, the group leaders make for unfamiliar reading.**

Switzerland, Norway, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, Greece and Sweden lead where one might have expected to see Italy, England, Spain, Romania, Russia and France.

Some are likely to fall on the long road to the United States in 18 months time, but others already may have done enough to secure their places.

Switzerland have stormed to the top of Group One with three wins and a draw from their opening four games.

The Swiss lead Italy and Scotland by five points, but both have games in hand.

Norway are the early pace-setters in Group Two with seven points from four matches. They already have beaten Holland at home and drawn away to England and, with three home matches still to come, they have a great chance of reaching the finals for the first time since 1938.

England's impressive 4-0 defeat of Turkey moves them to within three points of the Norwegians, with two games in hand. Next February's home game with San Marino should provide Graham Taylor's side with two of those points and a chance to improve their goal difference.

The lights went out at Windsor Park, Belfast where Northern Ireland met struggling European champions Denmark in Group Three.

Henrik Larsen's 20-yard shot was enough to secure two points and leaves Irish hopes of qualifying looking as dim as the faulty floodlights, which halted play for 20 minutes.

Ireland should have at least one representative in the US though, Jack Charlton's Republic. Their confident campaign continued with a fine 0-0 draw against Spain in Seville.

The Republic now lead the group with six points from four games — two home wins and two away draws — and have yet to concede a goal.

Barring a disastrous reversal of form in 1993, Charlton's side will be in the US the following summer. Travel agents all over Ireland are looking forward to a boom in trans-Atlantic bookings already.

Belgium, with five straight wins, are well on their way to their fourth, consecutive finals appearance. Their latest victims were Wales, whose suicidal defending allowed Lorenzo Staelens and Marc Degryse to score in a 2-0 win.

Romania, who were unfortunate to only draw 1-1 at home to Czechoslovakia, trail the Belgians by five points in Group Four, and will be hard-pressed to catch up.

Greece lead Group Five, but their position is perhaps slightly misleading. They beat Iceland 1-0 home and away but could only draw 0-0 at home to Hungary. The real test for the Greeks will come when they visit Moscow and Budapest next year.

Russia, with two wins from two matches, remain the favourites to qualify from a group thrown wide open by the expulsion of Yugoslavia.

In Group Six Finland's 2-1 defeat away to France has led to the resignation of coach Jukka Vakkila.

Finland, without a point after three games, are bottom of the group, six points behind leaders Sweden, and look to have little hope of qualifying.

Vakkila, who had considered resigning after losing 1-0 at home to Sweden in September, said: "Our goal was the World Cup and it didn't succeed."

France's win, thanks to goals by Papin and Cantona, who else, takes them level with Bulgaria with four points from three games — two behind Sweden who have won all three of their matches.

In the CONCACAF region El Salvador became the first nation to reach the final round with a 2-0 win in Jamaica. Canada kept their drive going with a 4-2 win over Bermuda — Alex Bunbury scoring a first-half hat-trick — and need only a point in their final second round game, away to Bermuda, to join El Salvador in the last four.

Mexico made it three wins out of three with a 4-0 defeat of Costa Rica — Atletico Madrid's Luis Garcia scoring twice — and look like occupying one of the other berths, with Honduras favourites to join them after their 4-0 victory against St. Vincent.


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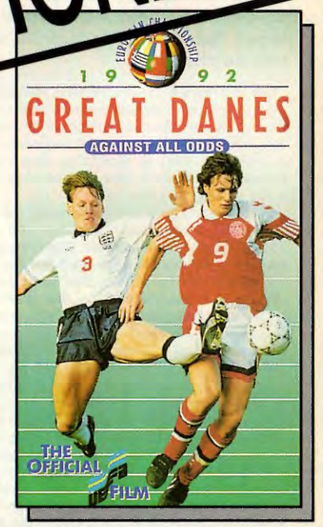


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BRIAN GLANVILLE'S LAST WORD

# Pick of a brilliant bunch

**RECENTLY I went to New York, one of four journalists summoned by American Airlines and the US World Cup committee to set up the basis for an eventual "best ever" World Cup team. Two teams, in fact: 22 names will be chosen.**

We four have to co-opt 18 more journalists from all over the globe. They and we must then choose 40 names, which ultimately will be winnowed down to 22 by a huge panel of votes; all those journalists accredited to the last World Cup, plus a batch of representatives from FIFA, etc. Goodness knows how it will all turn out in the end!

In the meantime, *The People* asked me to choose my own best-ever World Cup team, and this I did. The criteria I suggested were: ***Did the player take part in the World Cup finals? Did he excel?***

**Banks** wins the nod over Lev Yashin because he impressed in two World Cups, one of which he materially helped to win. The save he made from Pele in Guadalajara in 1970 — "He got up like a salmon from bright water," Banks told me — was one of the finest seen in any World Cup.

At right-back I chose the gallant little defender, **Rodrigues Andrade** who, like his uncle Jose in 1930, won a World Cup medal. He, Varela and keeper Maspoli were the heroes of the amazing win over Brazil in the Maracana in the decisive game of 1950.

All three were there again, in Switzerland, four years later. They beat England in the quarter-finals, one of the goals coming when Varela cunningly took a free-kick from a dropped ball, surprising the defenders, and got away with it.

*World Cup winners all . . . Pele, Diego Maradona and Franz Beckenbauer.*

**Nilton Santos** was a tall, powerfully-built, admirably cool left-backwho strolled through two World Cups; but only after being taken apart by the peerless 41-year-old Stanley Matthews at Wembley in 1956.

Matthews was God to my generation of schoolboy fans and I still think him one of the greatest I ever saw.

But he got only one game in the 1950 World Cup and though he had a fine game when moved to inside-left in their opener against Belgium, four years later, I don't think we saw him at his best, even then.

Whereas **Garrincha** had two extraordinary World Cups. He came into the Brazilian team only in their third 1958 match, in Gothenburg against the Soviets, at the behest of the other players.

In the Final, when Sweden had taken the lead, he made two wonderful, irresistible bursts down the right flank, two crosses for Vava to score, and the tide had turned.

In 1962, the England and Chilean defences crumbled before him, though in the Final — from which he should have been suspended after expulsion in the semi against Chile — he was curiously quiet.

Another memory, here, of Sir Stanley Rous, courtesy of Kenneth Wolstenholme, whose mellifluous voice may now be heard on Channel 4's Italian football programmes.

Anxious as we all were to know whether Garrincha had been amnestied for the Final, he rang Rous in Santiago to ask what the position was.

"The disciplinary committee," replied the FIFA president, "met this morning." What did they decide? "Just a minute. I've got my papers here," answered Rous. "7 and 9. 7 and 9. Ah, yes. 7 was cautioned and 9 was suspended." Thus did we learn that Garrincha would play.

**Pele** must be in and **Maradona. Cruyff**, too, inspiration of that superlative Dutch total football team of '74, when **Beckenbauer** — whom I've picked in his less favoured but more common international position of right-half — had the last laugh.

Alfredo Di Stefano is not eligible, though two of my colleagues in New York wanted him picked on an honorary basis and even I, making up my *People* team, found I almost had chosen him!

One of the greatest and surely the most polymath player of his day, but he did not figure, ever, in the World Cup finals.

The nearest he went to it was with Spain in Chile, 1962. I remember going down to Vina del Mar on the coast and being told by Di Stefano's old father that he'd brought ointment which he wanted his son to rub on his leg.

No chance, Di Stefano wasn't going to play for Helenio Herrera, that other great Argentine egotist, who managed the polyglot Spanish team.

Ferenc Puskas did play for them and I'd agree he was one of the greatest inside-lefts of all time. But by 1962 he wasn't guite the same star. And in 1954, a kick from Germany's Werner Liebrich in the opening match lamed him badly.

He talked his way back into the team for the Final, and talked other players out of it, but was not fully fit and should not have played.

So I've picked **Giuseppe Meazza** for the other midfield position. He won World Cup medals in 1934 and 1938, a graceful, elusive player, who got two excellent second-half goals against England at Highbury in 1934.

**Bobby Moore** surely deserves his place, being voted Player of the Tournament in 1966, and performing superbly in Mexico four years later, seemingly untroubled by his trials in Bogota, where he was falsely arrested on the ridiculous charge of stealing a bracelet.

## SIMPLY THE GREATEST

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| Gordon BANKS | England |
| Rodrigues ANDRADE | Uruguay |
| Obdulio VARELA | Uruguay |
| Bobby MOORE | England |
| Nilton SANTOS | Brazil |
| Franz BECKENBAUER | West Germany |
| Giuseppe MEAZZA | Italy |
| Diego MARADONA | Argentina |
| GARRINCHA | Brazil |
| Johan CRUYFF | Holland |
| PELE | Brazil |

**Pele got up like a salmon from bright water, said Banks**



# Penalty punishment

**WHEN Bruce Grobbelaar brought down Spartak's Radchenko in Moscow, the referee properly not only gave a penalty, but sent him off into the bargain.**

That was four days after Gregucci and Bonomi of Lazio brought down their man at San Siro. Referee Stafoggia gave the penalty, right enough. But neither offender was sent off.

Chaos is come again, you might say. It's a rotten rule, I'd agree, but a rule it unquestionably is.

As I've written before, Joao Havelange and, subsequently, Sepp Blatter of FIFA got entirely the wrong end of the stick. Havelange stamped heavily and crassly on the "professional foul" rule brought in years ago by the Football League, only for FIFA to implement it in a bastardised form just before the 1990 World Cup.

I've not often been an admirer of the now diminished and truncated League, but theirs was a glorious initiative which should have been taken up rather than knocked down by old Heavylunge.

The FL decreed that a player be sent off if, *outside the box*, he fouled another who seemed to be going through to score.

When Heavylunge and Blatter brought in their version long afterwards, they extended the punishment of expulsion to the penalty box.

Staffoggia, though utterly and inexplicably wrong in the legal sense, was clearly, at a pre-conscious level, protesting against the injustice of the new version. A penalty, he deemed, was punishment enough, in all conscience.

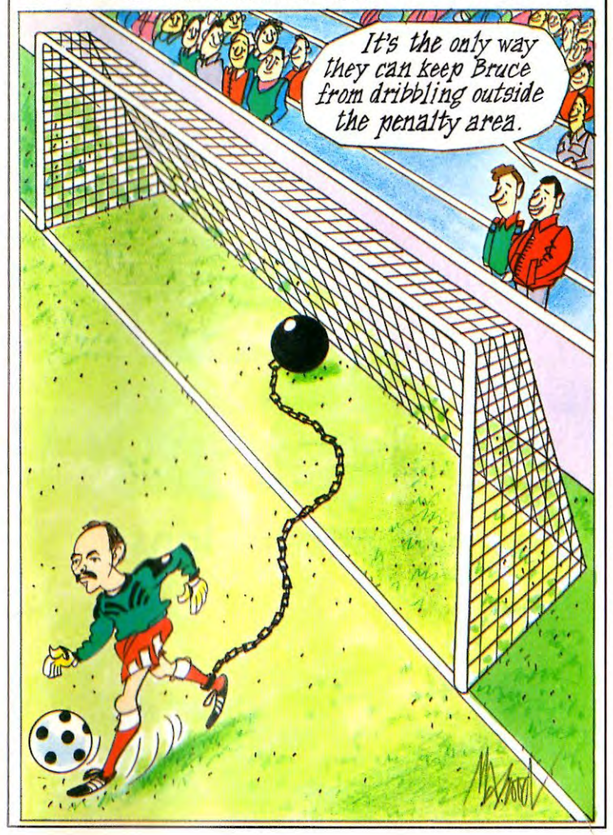
FIFA recently put on a PR exercise in Zurich to which a number of estimable journalists were invited. During it, Bladder, who has managed to foist the wholly superfluous No Back Pass to be Handled Law on to soccer, confessed that he had still another dubious ambition. Yes, folks; he wants the throw-in to be replaced by a kick-in!

He wants, in fact, to return to the remote dark ages of the game, when the ball was indeed kicked in from touch. Sheer busy idleness. Has Bladder not noticed what a deadly weapon the throw has become; how skilfully as well as powerfully the chief exponents can use it?

Time after time the ball will be hurled to the near post, flicked on with a header, and turned into a goal by a third player, usually with a second header.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it, the Americans say.

Just keep standing there, Ye Men of Zurich. And don't say nothing.




# Pull the other one

**WE supposedly live in an age of great tactical sophistication, of virtually impenetrable defences. Pull the other one.**

**Just look at some of the goals scored in allegedly top games in recent weeks. And I'm not thinking merely of the blunders by poor John Lukic of Leeds, at home to Stuttgart and away to Rangers.**

**What of Italy's Luca Marchegiani, playing against Switzerland in Cagliari; horribly missing a cross, ineptly trying and failing to dribble round Chapuisat? Grobbelaar, in Moscow, blundered in that way, too.**

**Both Italy's goals, to square the match against the Swiss, came because of pitifully feeble attempted clearances when the ball should have been booted far away.**

**And what of the dreadful goals Lazio's immobile defence conceded to Milan in their 5-3 defeat at San Siro? Milk, as they say, has been known to turn faster.**

**Not a sprint between the lot of them. What price Catenaccio?**

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